

St. Wenceslaus Parish Council Meeting Minutes August 29th, 2017

St. Wenceslaus Parish Council met on Tuesday, August 29th, 2017 at 7:00 PM in the Rectory Basement

Council Members present: President Dean Sternhagen, Secretary Mark Povondra, Angie Kronaizl, Joe Kronaizl, Larry Reining, Lynn Rous, and Kathleen Schieffer. Absent: Jen Carda

Opening Prayer: Led by Father Jones.

Previous Meeting Minutes: Kathleen Schieffer made a motion to approve the minutes with Angie Kronaizl seconding.

Financial Report: Discussion regarding the report. Church financial year ended June 30 with envelope collection down approximately \$9,000 but loose collections are up \$1000 over the previous year. Financial Reports will be put in back of church. Larry Reining made a motion to approve the report with Lynn Rouse seconding.

Old Business:

- **Confessional Restoration:** Kerry Hogan is in the process of finishing the ceiling to match the walls and looking at flooring to replace the red carpet.
- **Church Lighting:** Phase 1 (Ambo and Priest Chair lights) was completed by Jason from J & B Lighting for approximately \$2600 earlier this year in time for Easter Vigil. Phase 2 (Stations of the Cross lights) will be starting soon as Jason will be coming back with a quote soon for this phase. Father would like Phase 2 to be completed by start of Lent. The council will review the options of lighting when it is available. Phase 3 would be installing LED lights and dimmer switches on the main church lights and Phase 4 is to hard-wire the Main Altar and Side Altar spot lights. This is being covered by a \$15,000 donation.
- **Altar Cemetery Statues:** The project is on hold but Larry Reining will look into possible solutions to fix the Angel wings.
- **Rectory Awnings:** Father to check into more with Joe Renner and Dave Varilek. The council felt that even if the awnings could be taken down for now it would be an improvement.
- **School Lighting Project:** Gary Kortan (BH 4-2 Business Manager) asked if the church would like the Chapel lights replaced to LED as the school district is replacing the lights this summer in all the buildings. Cost for the Chapel lights was unknown at the meeting. Dean will check with Gary about the cost. The remainder of the building will be replaced later this fall or early winter.
- **Tuck-pointing:** Tabled for now.
- **School Lease:** Father presented a PowerPoint at the School Board meeting asking for a raise in rent to \$2150/month. The rent was decreased in 2012 from \$2150 to \$1400 to help the school district. Father presented that a new roof, tuck-pointing, new plumbing faucets have been put into the building and the school board approved a 3-year lease at \$2150/month. Father stated that he will be putting the money collected from the school rent into a separate account away from the general fund to be used towards the school only.
- **Hide-a-bed/Couch:** Couch has been purchased for \$1490. This allows visiting priests like Fr. Osborn to sleep downstairs.
- **Scholarships:** Altar Society will be starting their own.
- **Mother's Day Flowers:** Great job in getting them. The mothers enjoyed them.
- **Altar Society Meeting:** The Altar Society approved a working budget of \$8,000 to be used for Altar flowers, candles, and Religious Ed materials. Any item outside of these and it would have to be brought the Altar Society for their approval.
- **Grounds and Cemetery:** 3 letters were received regarding the state of the grounds in July. Steve and Dean talked with Ben and Jill during Father's absence.
- **Bazaar:** October 1st is the Bazaar. Discussion held on the prize money. Some were unhappy last year that their names were not recognized when announced during the drawing. Signs were printed up last year and will be

again this year. It was mentioned to have more signs around so people notice them. In the letters sent out it was changed to read "a donation towards cash prizes". The council will try it again as last year. Dean noted that Dante recently switched to 3 big prizes only.

- **Office PC:** The office computer broke last week and was taken in to Yankton and had a hard drive replaced for \$250.
- **Security Cameras:** Mark presented a security solution of Nest cameras. They run off Wi-Fi so a router may be needed for it to work. A 3-pack camera solution cost about \$400. Mark and Joe will look into it more.

New Business:

- **Religious Ed:** Will be starting soon. New this year is the Disciples Diner in hopes to increase attendance. It was mentioned to have a donation bucket out to help offset the cost.
- **East side church Door:** Joe mentioned that the east side church door is in need of help. The bottom is weathering and fading. The council will look into options for that door and the front doors.

Correspondence: None

Closing Prayer: Led by Father Jones

Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm with Joe Kronaizl making the motion with Kathleen Schieffer seconding.

Next parish council meeting is Tuesday November 7th 2017 at 7pm.

--Secretary Mark Povondra