

# St. Wenceslaus Parish Council Meeting Minutes

## May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017

St. Wenceslaus Parish Council met on Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 at 7:00 PM in the Rectory Basement

Council Members present: President Mark Hejna, Secretary Mark Povondra, Joe Renner, Lynn Rous, Kathleen Schieffer and Dean Sternhagen. Absent: Jean Meyer and Sue Souhrada. Also present were new members: Jen Carda and Larry Reining with Angie Kronaizl and Joe Kronaizl absent.

Guests Present: None

**Opening Prayer:** Led by Father Jones.

**Previous Meeting Minutes:** Read by President Mark Hejna. Dean Sternhagen made a motion to approve the minutes with Lynn Rous seconding.

**Financial Report:** Discussion regarding the report. Income is little under compared to this time last year. Council members had some questions regarding CFSA and how it is broken down. The church operates under a fiscal year of July 1-June 30 whereas CFSA runs an entire calendar year. Most of the money is collected during the first half of the calendar year (end of the church year) so an overlap of years occur. Joe Renner made a motion to approve the minutes with Dean Sternhagen seconding.

### Old Business:

- **Confessional Restoration:** Father spoke with Kerry Hogan who worked on the project and is working on getting the ceiling finished and to find flooring that will match. For now adding a light switch on the priest side is on hold.
- **Church Lighting:** Phase 1 (Ambo and Priest Chair lights) has been completed by Jason from J & B Lighting for approximately \$2600. Father would like to proceed with Phase 2 (Stations of the Cross lights). 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.
- **Cemetery Statues:** No Report as Sue was absent.
- **Rectory Awnings:** Joe Renner will check with Dave Varilek about possibly painting the awnings or replacing them and report back to Father.
- **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.
- **Tuck-pointing:** Next phase on hold till Summer 2018.
- **School Lease:** Current school lease is up in June and possibly looking at raising the rent back to the old rate of \$2150/month instead of \$1400/month. Father will talk with Gary Kortan as it will need to be presented to the school board at their next meeting on June 12<sup>th</sup>.
- **Hide-a-bed/Couch:** Father found a hide-a-bed/couch at Slumberland for approximately \$1000 and would like to proceed with purchasing it to help with visiting priests like Fr. Osborn who can't make it up the stairs anymore.
- **Scholarships:** No update.
- **Graduation Brunch:** Went really well. Not sure about next year as we believe there is only 1 Graduate.
- **Mother's Day Flowers:** Great job in getting them. The mothers enjoyed them.

### New Business:

- **Altar Society:** Father and Dean Sternhagen will go to next Altar Society meeting to discuss what bills they are willing to help pay for as some recent items for Altar flowers and Religious Education were turned down.
- **Flower Pots Repainted:** Thank you to Dean Sternhagen and Steve Bares for repainting and leveling the bases.

- **Grounds:** It was mentioned that a list needs to be developed as what is expected of the groundskeepers. Questioned if the grounds are mowed weekly or as needed. Will touch base with Ben and Jill.
- **Bazaar:** Discussion held on eliminating some games and bringing back others. Also discussed was how the raffle is handled and how donations should be taken care of.
- **Office PC:** The office computer broke last week and was taken in to Yankton and had a hard drive replaced for \$250.
- **July:** Father will be gone the entire month of July for a 30-day silent retreat. There will be no Daily Mass in July and Father Osborn and Father Thury will be covering the weekends.
- **Security Cameras:** Father met with the Yankton County Sheriff as the burglar at St. Agnes has been caught. Some of the items were recovered from the Missouri River but mainly ruined. Father would like to install security cameras at each entrance to St. Wenceslaus. Jen and Mark will bring back ideas.

**Correspondence:** None

**Council Reorganization:** Thank you to outgoing members Mark Hejna, Jean Meyer, Joe Renner and Sue Souhrada.

- Nominations for Council President were Dean Sternhagen and Kathleen Schieffer.
- Nominations for Council Secretary were Joe Kronaizl, Angie Kronaizl and Mark Povondra.
- New President will be Dean Sternhagen and remaining as Secretary, Mark Povondra.

**Closing Prayer:** Led by Father Jones

Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm with Dean Sternhagen making the motion with Kathleen Schieffer seconding.

Next parish council meeting is Tuesday August 22<sup>nd</sup> 2017 at 7pm.

--Secretary Mark Povondra