

St. Wenceslaus Parish Council Meeting Minutes

August 25th, 2018

St. Wenceslaus Parish Council met on Saturday August 25th, 2018 at 9:00 AM in the Rectory Basement

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

Special Guest: Dennis Povondra

Opening Prayer: Led by Father Urban.

Introductions: Father Urban introduced himself along with the council members.

Guest Presentation: Dennis Povondra provided information on an upcoming National FCSLA grant that will be accepting applications for projects. The National FCSLA convention meets once every four years to elect a new board of directors and at that time they approve funding to local FCSLA, church groups, etc. Dennis provided Dean a list of what was submitted 4 years ago and ask that quotes be obtained as the grant is due in April 2019. In 2015, St. Wenceslaus received \$17,000 for tuck-pointing the east side of the school building and for part of the confessional restoration.

Previous Meeting Minutes: Jen made a motion to approve the minutes with Angie seconding.

Financial Report: Fiscal year ended in June. Income inflated due to Via Nova Donation of \$6000 to Adderly's. Rent is up and hides the income drop. Last year not too bad, big expenses were Light project (\$7000), Confessional Restoration (\$2100) and school heater repairs (\$2800). July report looking good. Jen made a motion to approve the minutes with Kathleen seconding.

Old Business:

- **Confessional Restoration:** Completed.
- **Church Lighting:** Phase 4 is to hard-wire the Main Altar and Side Altars spot lights. Father Urban will contact Father Jones to see where the project was at with the electricians. Father Urban wants to finalize this project. This is being covered by a \$15,000 anonymous donation from a few years back.
- **Rectory Awnings:** The 1st level awnings were removed on the clean-up day in August. Larry to ask if B-Y would take the remaining 3 down when B-Y comes to trim the trees around the electric wires on main street.
- **Tuck-pointing:** Tabled for now.
- **Security Cameras:** Possibly put up a trail camera or fake cameras.
- **Church Doors:** Doors to come down and be redone.
- **Fr. Jone's Farewell Potluck:** Nice turnout. Thank you to Circle 4 for helping serve the meal.

New Business:

- **Bazaar 2018:** Bazaar is upon us. Date is October 7, 2018. Serving time is 11 AM to 3 PM. Doors will open at 8:30 for people to drop-off their donations. Council members will be around throughout the day. 9-10:30 Dean and Mark, 10:30-12 Kathleen, 12-1:30 Larry and Lynn, 1:30-3 Angie and Joe. Cards soon to be mailed out.
- **LED Outdoor Security Lights:** Mark presented a quote from B-Y Electric to replace the 3 security lights around the church to LED. Cost is approximately \$750. Lights to be replaced would be the west side of the church, the steeple light and the light in the parking lot. The steeple light fixture wouldn't be replaced, just the bulb as the bracket would be different than what is up there currently. Motion by Larry, seconded by Angie to replace the lights.
- **Church Secretary:** Kathy Auch has taken the position.
- **Grounds/Maintenance Position:** Still open. Currently Larry Reining, Steve Bares, Brad and Jacob Carda are mowing the grounds. Possibly look into posting on Facebook to see if there are other interested parties that are

not members of the church. Council set a date of Saturday October 13th as a clean-up day for the church grounds. Volunteers needed. Rain-date October 20th.

- **Hydrant Leaking:** Larry noted that one of the east hydrants on the cemetery is bubbling up water at the ground only when you lift the handle. Angie said she would ask Joe and Gary Kronaizl to look into it.
- **Credit Card:** The church has a credit card to help Father with purchasing groceries, ordering supplies online, etc.
- **Mass Times:** Kathleen asked if Mass times would be switching as they did in the past at Daylight Savings Time. Father Urban stated that he will follow what has been done in the past for this first year of transition. In November, Masses will be Saturday 5 PM, Sunday 8:30 AM, and 10:30AM Mass to alternate at Lesterville and Sigel.
- **Altar Society Request:** Dean noted that he had received a text from Kristi Kocer about the Altar Society possibly helping with a project at the church or rectory. The council discussed this and would see if they want to help cover the costs of the LED outdoor lights just approved. The council also discussed updating the Dining Room aka "The Blue Room". This is the only room on the main floor not updated in 2012. Thoughts included new carpet, new window wood-blinds, new lighting, new dining table and chairs, re-paint, also new wood-blinds for the living room and stairway windows. Dean to contact Kristie.
- **Walk-through of Ground / Church / Rectory / Chapel / School:** Council to develop a list of items to submit for FCSLA grant. Need quotes prior to submitting in April 2019.
 - **Cemetery Altar Statues**
 - **Cemetery Gravestones**
 - **Rectory Heat Pump / Furnace**
 - **School Tuck-pointing**

Correspondence: None

Closing Prayer: Led by Father Urban

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM with Jen making the motion with Kathleen seconding.

Next parish council meeting is Saturday November 10th at 9 AM.

--Secretary Mark Povondra