

St. Joseph's Parish Council Meeting

Secretary's Report, August 15, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Joel Waldo. Father Vince led the opening prayer.

Council members present were, Renee Weichert, Greg Keip,(new member, there is still one vacancy on the council), Fr. Vince, Joel Waldo, John Damm, Paul Maier, Dennis Jesberger, Wendy Wilke. Lisa Culek was absent.

Guests present were Steve Breunig, Mary Benisch, Linda Bloom, Taylor Baerwolf, and Hannah Dahl.

The secretary's report was approved by e-mail and posted on the website and at the entrances of church.

Finance Report, a meeting was held last Tuesday, August 8, 2017, with two members present. Priests for our Future pledges continue to come in, with the parish presently receiving 80% of the remaining pledges. To date the parish has received \$45, 811.20. The new finance fiscal year started on July 1, 2017.

Religious Education, no report.

Liturgy, no report. Two masses will be held on the weekend of the Fall Festival, September 16 and 17, 2017, Saturday evening at 6:45 p.m. and 10:45 a.m. Sunday morning. Father Vince will start having baptisms during the 10:45 a.m. Sunday masses. Presently they are after mass.

Cemetery, meeting was held August 7, 2017. The cemetery is a separate association from the church. Next years budget has been planned. The estate of Alvin and Mary Derr left the parish \$10, 000 for a physical improvement. The blacktop road to the cemetery will be repaired at a cost of \$12,500 \$20,000, depending how much work the contractors need to do. The cemetery association will pay 50% of the overage, with the parish funding the remainder of the cost. There were no objections to pay this bill. A large maple tree near the playground equipment was voted to be cut down by the cemetery committee. The Parish Council voted to leave the tree standing, the tree will not be cut down.

Parish Life, no meeting.

Building and Grounds, held a meeting two weeks ago, August 2, 2017. Robin Roberts, the architect working with the parish, at no charge, shared three drawing plans for building improvements.

Plan #1 – would keep the rectory without renovations, build a connector to the church with a gathering space, bathrooms and an elevator in 2275 sq. ft. for \$700,000.

Plan #2 – would include Plan #1, plus a fellowship hall, 40' x 40', 3325 sq. ft. with a kitchen, (not a commercial kitchen like we presently have) for \$943, 000.

Plan #3 – takes down the rectory, keeps the parish hall, and builds a new fellowship hall with seating for 200 people, a larger kitchen, a gathering space, larger bathrooms a family bathroom, and an elevator in 6068 sq. ft. for \$1,378,000.

It would cost \$600,000 to renovate the existing buildings.

It would cost \$300, 000 to add an elevator and bathrooms to the church.

Old Business, there was no old business to discuss.

New Business, Taylor Baerwolf and Hannah Dahl addressed the council proposing St. Joseph Youth Activities. Presently there are none. They would like an adult to help plan and coordinate activities to promote interest in the church community and build youth fellowship. They would also like to have a student representative on the parish council.

Marv and Kathy Derr, and Jerry and Darlene Wagner will be resigning from planning and running the kitchen for the festival in two years.

Discussion was held on the parish making regular financial donations to others in need. Presently the Foresters and the CCW regularly donate, and the parish has a Thanksgiving collection. The council feels the parish should develop a regular donation plan.

Parish Council Officers were elected. Joel Waldo, President, Dennis Jesberger, Vice President, and Renee Weichert, Secretary.

The council will choose committee assignments at the next meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 3, 2017.

A motion to adjourn was made by Dennis, second by John, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Renee Weichert
Secretary, St. Joseph Parish Council

***Note: Audrey Batz accepted the vacant Parish Council position on August 23, 2017.

