

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
(Unofficial Minutes)  
April 6, 2017

The April Parish Council Meeting was called to order by Keith Brack at 8:03 pm. There were 10 members present, plus Father John and Judy Gleason. Father John led the council in prayer. The minutes were read by Drew Hubbell; there were no corrections to the minutes. Greg Werner approved the minutes as read and Sonja Strecker seconded. Communications: Thank you was read from Catholic Charities for the donation from St. John's to wildfire victims.

COMMISSION REPORTS

**Property:** 4 members met. A deep freezer was purchased for the kitchen. A piece of carpet was laid in the choir loft closet over the existing tiles that had warped from the sun in the west window. Trees were trimmed at the Rectory after the ice storm; a tree was removed completely and stump was ground out at the Parish Center from the ice storm as well. A yearly contract with the elevator company was signed providing service checks, routine maintenance, etc. A new sign stating mass times for St. John's was purchased for the east side of town because the previous one was burned in the wildfire; the new sign will be set with posts in the near future. A window pane on the south side of the church basement was broken; it has been fixed and repainted. With the large rainfall amounts, there were minor leaks in the church basement. Discussion was held on drainage and possible dirt being added in locations to help push rain away from the building. The 19-year old water softener in the Rectory is broken beyond repair; it was decided to purchase an Eco Water water softener for \$1,995. Discussion was held on painting the parking lines on the north side of the Parish Center.

**Family Formation:** Committee has changed their name to Faith Formation. The next Faith Formation will meet Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup> after 9:30 Mass. Discussion was held on creating gift baskets for RCIA candidates.

**Church & Community Affairs:** April 15, 2017, will be the annual Easter Bake Sale from 8:00-11:00 am. The committee is working on a list for new members.

**Finance:** did not meet. They have come up with 3 new members to join the committee for the next term.

<b>General Checking:</b>	\$113,435.32
<b>Cemetery Fund:</b>	\$15,266.23
<b>Memorial Account:</b>	\$38,184.32
<b>Savings/Diocese:</b>	\$182,808.80
<b>Total:</b>	\$349,694.77

**Liturgy:** 7 members met plus Judy Gleason. The committee is decorating for Easter on April 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm. They are working on the candles for Easter April 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am and putting together final decorations on April 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. They will meet in May to discuss Mother's Day and Graduation.

**Youth:** The annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm. Totus Tuus will be held the last week in July. NCYC will be held July 14-18 in St. Louis. The group for Prayer & Action is looking for an adult chaperone for June 18-23 in Fowler.

**Old Business:** The air conditioner in the basement is finished and ready to be used. Water lines in the church basement were in dire shape and were replaced by Greg and Dennis Werner. Solitol (the company in charge of the church webpage) has updated the website at no cost. On Holy Thursday, there will be an adoration following Mass broken into four groups; more information will be added to the bulletin.

**New Business:** Dennis Werner is retiring and is looking for an individual (willing to train) to coordinate the cemetery (plot decisions, coordinating plots, mowing decisions, etc.). The church has donated \$5,000 to Catholic Charities for wildfire victims and \$2,000 to parishioner Molly Beckford. A group of parishioners has come together for interest in a community garden on the church property northwest of the cemetery. The church will provide water for the garden. Motion was made and approved to allow the garden.

Motion was made to adjourn by Greg Werner and seconded by Mary Benjamin at 9:02 pm. Father John led the closing prayer. The next meeting will be May 4<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully submitted,

Drew Hubbell

(Minutes are unofficial until read and corrected at the next meeting.)