

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
(Unofficial Minutes)
October 5, 2017

The October Parish Council Meeting was called to order by president, LaWana VanNahmen at 8:05 pm. Father John led the council in prayer. The minutes from the previous meeting were read by Jenny Schmidt, approved by Ross Ackerman, and seconded by Jeff Hubbell.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

Property: 5 members met. The new mass times sign was hung east of town on the highway. The committee is still trying to get quotes for carpet cleaning and waxing of the tile floors in the parish center. The committee plans to replace the microwave in the parish center, as it does not work. Plans to paint parking lot lines on the north side of the parish center are in place for this weekend. The committee also bought the plot finder for the cemetery.

Faith Formation: 4 members met. They will continue watching the video series “Swords and Serpents.” The next Faith Formation will occur on Sunday, October 15th after mass. Biscuits and gravy and egg casseroles will be provided by the committee, and others attending are encouraged to bring a small side dish for brunch. The committee discussed looking into retreats or conferences offered for adults in the area and planning travel or financial help for those interested in attending. Discussion was also held on ways to help the Frascos with their Date Night events they’ve initiated. A reminder was given that if the event is hosted BY the church or AT church property, that all childcare providers over 18 must have Protecting God’s Children certification.

Church & Community Affairs: 6 members met. The committee discussed final details for the Annual Parish Soup Supper on October 22nd. They provided refreshments and meals after the vigils and funerals for 4 people in September. Church Directories did not all come in at the same time as planned. They will distribute the directories in the next few weeks.

Finance: Finance committee did not meet this month. The committee is needing to figure out some issues in opening the safe in the church.

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| General Checking: | \$ 119,652.03 |
| Cemetery Fund: | \$ 13,689.24 |
| Memorial Account: | \$ 40,088.32 |
| Savings/Diocese: | \$ 182,808.80 |
| Total: | \$ 356,238.39 |

Liturgy: 5 members met. The committee plans to meet on Friday at 1 pm to put up some Autumn decorations. They continued the discussion on options for the books in church. They are trying to decide on getting covers for the books, moving the books out of the pews, or fixing the cracked book holders within the pews.

Youth Committee: 3 members met. The youth committee will host a bowling party for all the servers on the 22nd. They plan to be back in town by 5 pm in time for the soup supper. Operation Christmas Child is under way. Lists will be given to the religion classes, and the committee will meet on November 15th at 6:30 to fill boxes. Sarah Stegman will be taking over the Youth Committee's Facebook Page, and Martha Konrade will organize Totus Tuus with help from Mary Benjamin. Discussion was held on how to increase older kids' involvement in church activities.

Old Business: No old business to discuss.

New Business: No new business to discuss.

Father's Report: Father John returned from a successful convocation week. He commended the Church and Community Affairs Committee for handling so many funerals last month. Father John will be returning home to Ghana mid-October to mid-November. Father Baker will be covering all weekend masses, and Judy Gleason will contact Father Bob or Father John in case of emergencies.

Motion was made to adjourn by Mary Schartz at 8:28 pm and seconded by Blake Connelly. Father led the council in a closing prayer. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 2nd.

Respectfully submitted,

Council Secretary
Jenny Schmidt

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