

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
(Unofficial Minutes)
November 2, 2017

The November Parish Council Meeting was called to order by president, LaWana VanNahmen at 8:05 pm, and the council began in prayer. The minutes from the previous meeting were read by Jenny Schmidt, approved by Mary Schartz, and seconded by Blake Connelly.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

Property: 3 members met. The council painted new parking lot lines, replaced the microwave, and fixed a door in the women's restroom at the parish center last month. They received a lower quote for cleaning the carpet, but are still looking for quotes to get the tiles cleaned and waxed. The committee is looking into replacing the blinds and doing some painting in the rectory kitchen, replacing the mat in the entrance of the parish center, and looking at options for replacing the book holders in the church pews.

Faith Formation: 3 members met. The next faith formation gathering will be held on Sunday, November 19th after Mass. Discussion was held on being more efficient with time during their gatherings. The November meeting will start promptly at 10:45 with the video, and lunch will follow. The committee will provide potato soup and ham sandwiches using ham left over from the soup supper. Sides and desserts can be brought potluck style. The start time for Adoration will begin at 1pm instead of noon, to allow Father more time at faith formation. The committee will write up an announcement about adoration, as they are concerned about the lack of involvement in monthly adoration and would like to increase the number of people signing up for time slots. Discussion was held on the possibility of continuing the Community Date Nights initiated by the Frascos, who are moving. The committee is unsure it should become a church affiliated event, and if so, whether it falls under faith formation's responsibilities.

Church & Community Affairs: 5 members met. The committee discussed how the soup supper went, serving approximately 368 people. They found the parish center short 2 roasters from the 14 needed to make the correct amount of soup. The committee chair will purchase 2 new roasters for the parish center. They have started on the 2018 guild lists and would like to get updated phone numbers from all parishioners, as some land lines are no longer active. There are a few extra parish directories if families did not receive one. Extras can be retrieved from Chanda Schulte until Father John returns from Ghana. He will then keep extras to give to new parishioners.

Finance: Finance committee did meet. They discussed the church's charitable donations for next year, reducing donations to Manna House, Catholic Social Services, Birthright, the Crisis Center, and Friendship Feast to \$750 each.

General Checking:	\$ 122,906.81
Cemetery Fund:	\$ 13,689.24
Memorial Account:	\$ 40,513.32
Savings/Diocese:	\$ 182,808.80
Total:	\$ 359,918.17

Liturgy: 3 members met. The committee plans to have Father announce for church-goers to place the books at the ends of the pews after Mass on Sunday, November 26th, and the committee will trade them out for the new missals.

Youth Committee: no report

Old Business: no old business to discuss.

New Business: Ross Ackerman from the Finance Committee requested the council go into an executive session to discuss employee pay. Members on the payroll were asked to step out of the meeting, with the exception of Tena Gleason, as she maintains the financial records. Judy Gleason and Jenny Schmidt left the meeting at 8:25 pm.

Jenny Schmidt reentered the meeting at 9:00 pm.

Father's Report: no report. Father absent.

Motion was made to adjourn by Chuck Konrade at 9:01 pm and seconded by Ross Ackerman. The council closed in prayer. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, December 7th.

Respectfully submitted,

Council Secretary
Jenny Schmidt

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