

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
(Unofficial Minutes)  
December 7, 2017

The December Parish Council Meeting was called to order by president, LaWana VanNahmen at 8:08 pm, and the council began in prayer. The minutes from the previous meeting were read by Jenny Schmidt, approved by Ross Ackerman, and seconded by Sue Hampton.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

**Property:** Committee did not meet, but conversed via messages. The committee received a final quote of \$2,961 from Service Masters to clean carpets and strip and wax the tile floors in the parish center. The committee is preparing for winter weather and needs to find someone willing to be on call for snow removal and sidewalk treatment at the church. The committee painted the kitchen in the rectory, and new blinds still need to be installed. They continue to look for book holder replacements in the pews and are trying to find the same kind so that they can replace as needed instead of all of them. A big thank you goes to Bud and Keith Brack for fixing a valve for the sprinkler system. The committee also sprayed for weeds at the cemetery.

**Church & Community Affairs:** No report. Minutes from an email message. 4 members met. The committee finished the 2018 guild lists and discussed possible dates for the annual pancake feed. A date is still to be determined. There were 2 funeral dinners in the last month.

**Faith Formation:** Committee did not meet. Faith Formation will begin again in January.

**Finance:** 5 members met. Committee revisited the charitable donations for next year. The decision to reduce the donations was made on insufficient information about the church's accounts. The committee decided to reinstate the charitable donations to Birthright, Catholic Social Services, The Crisis Center, Friendship Feast, and Manna House to \$1500 each.

General Checking:	\$ 117,121.74
Cemetery Fund:	\$ 13,689.24
Memorial Account:	\$ 40,488.32
Savings/Diocese:	\$ 182,808.80
Total:	\$ 354,108.10

**Liturgy:** Did not meet. Committee will decorate the church for Christmas after the December 17<sup>th</sup> Mass; however, the nativity scene will not be completed until after Sunday morning Mass on December 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Youth Committee:** 6 members met. The committee is discussing having a dodge ball tournament to increase involvement among the older kids. They also discussed preparations for the Easter egg hunt.

**Old Business:** no old business to discuss.

**New Business:** Mary Schartz moved to vote on Service Masters coming to clean the floors of the parish center. Ross Ackerman seconded, and the council approved. The property commission will look at the parish center's calendar and give Service Master a week's notice before the cleaning will occur.

Jeff Hubbell reported that the storage room in the parish center is getting a little crowded. Committees are asked to go through their belongings and downsize to find place for everything on the shelves provided.

**Father's Report:** The Advent Penance Service will be held on Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. Father asked for someone to prepare a meal for the visiting priests after the service is over. Mary Schartz volunteered to have the priests over for supper.

Bishop John will be visiting our masses on December 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> to update the parish on the Vibrant Ministries Appeal. Father asked if someone would prepare a lunch for the Bishop after Sunday's Mass. Jenny Schmidt will bring a meal to the rectory for Father and the Bishop.

The parish's savings account with the Diocese generates interest, (approximately \$2100) and the possibility of donating the interest to the Vibrant Ministries Appeal was discussed. Chuck Konrade moved to donate the interest, Blake Connelly seconded, and the council approved.

Gayla Kirmer and the rest of the music ministry proposed that the Clavinova piano be moved to the choir loft due to the increased number of participants in this year's Christmas Choir. This provides an opportunity to move all music ministries to the choir loft for a trial period. Liturgically, it is incorrect to have the music ministers and equipment so close to the altar in the Sanctuary, so we will attempt to have accompanists and cantors in the choir loft. We will also receive a quote from McClelland Sound to expand our new sound system to accommodate the choir loft's use. The proposal can be found in the display case next to this month's council minutes.

Motion was made to adjourn at 8:50 by Ross Ackerman and seconded by Sue Hampton. Father led the council in a closing prayer. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 4<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully submitted,

Council Secretary  
Jenny Schmidt

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