

St. Sebastian Parish Council Meeting Minutes – May 3, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM and opened with a prayer. Acknowledgement of the February meeting minutes was then given.

Opening comments by Father Brian were given. He stated that the parish needs to begin discussion on putting a five year plan into place. What can be done to grow the parish or rekindle the spirit of the parish? Two things that he heard from parishioners since he came are:

- How do we engage the youth in the parish?
- How do we best revamp the music program?

Committee Reports:

Religious Education:

- Pat Posbrig has resigned as R.E. Coordinator. She stated that she would work with the new person stepping into the position to help them get started. The Council thanked her for her many years of service. As of yet no one has been found to assume the job.
- Pat Posbrig suggested getting a speaker to come in and do a mission in the fall. The person she suggested was Frank Runyeon. A motion was made to have her contact him to check cost and dates available.

Finance Committee:

- The parish is at 60% of this year's Bishop's Appeal assessment of \$14,101.00.
- We are still in need of volunteers for money counters.

Christian Service:

- The Council discussed the need to make committees more defined and efficient.
- The suggestion was made to come up with written job descriptions for each committee.

Worship:

- Altar refurbishing in the church should be completed around the middle of June.
- The hearing loop system has been completed and working well.
- Fr. Brian stated he would like to look into offering more devotions and religious processions.

Cemetery:

- Clean up of the grounds went well. We had a good attendance of volunteers helping.
- A donation of \$1,000.00 was received that will be used in part to level off some of the tipping memorial stones.

Building and Grounds:

- The church basement water problem has been resolved and kitchen updates have been made. Since we are not having water issues now the proposal to install gutters on the church will be tabled.
- The safety assessment report was discussed and improvements are being dealt with.

- Discussion on replacing the church kneelers was taken up again. A motion was made and approved to go ahead with replacement. Vendors will be contacted to update their proposal.
- Discussion was held on painting the church kitchen. A motion was made and approved to go ahead with the project.
- A council member will contact Wisconsin Electric to see if they will help in removing the large tree on the lawn north of the church.

Other Business:

- A discussion was held about extending the hours of our parish secretary. The opportunity to have her available for more hours will be coming in July. The general feeling was that it would be a good thing for the parish to have someone here on more days. It will be looked into more.

The next St. Sebastian Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday August 30, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. Committees will meet at 6:00 p.m.