

St. Sebastian Parish Council Meeting Minutes – August 30, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM and opened with a prayer led by Fr. Brian.

Acknowledgement of the May meeting minutes was then given.

Opening comments by Father Brian were given.

Committee Reports:

Religious Education:

- Pat Posbrig introduced Toi VanEss as the new R.E. coordinator and the Council welcomed her. Toi said all plans and schedules for the new year have been set and all teacher positions and substitute positions have been filled.
- The Council thanked Pat Posbrig for her many years of service as R.E. coordinator and presented her with a gift of appreciation from the parish.
- Confirmation will be at 7:00 P.M. on September 21, 2016 at St. John's with Bishop Ricken.
- Pat Posbrig will fill out the paperwork for approval from the diocese to bring in Frank Runyeon as a guest speaker this fall. Expected date will be Sunday November 13, 2016. Exact time, and plans for the day will be announced later. The cost to the parish will be about \$950.00.

Finance Committee:

- The parish has not met this year's Bishop's Appeal assessment of \$14,101.00. Currently we are short \$4,442.00
- Four CD's will be coming due this fall and they will be renewed.

Christian Service and Christian Women:

- The N.E.W. Shelter lunch will be held in conjunction with St. John's on October 1st.
- The St. John' Homeless Shelter is in need of scarves, umbrellas, hats, gloves, socks, sleeping bags, and flashlights, as winter approaches. Some of these things were collected by the Christian Women and given to Mary Hill for delivery, but any additional help the parish can give would be appreciated.
- The Salvation Army Giving Tree will once again be up in November.
- Discussion was held about the differences of the Christian Service and Christian Women groups and the possibility of disbanding the Christian Women Society and forming one Christian Service Committee instead. This will be looked into further by the Christian Women and more discussion will be held later.

Worship:

- Christmas Mass times are still undecided but will be finalized soon. The opportunity to acquire a visiting priest is getting more difficult and may not be possible.

Cemetery:

- Clean up of the grounds will be planned for sometime this fall.
- Long range plans to consider plotting out more grave sites should begin. About 6 lots a year are sold and we currently have about 50 lots left for sale.

- Confirmation on who will be cutting lawn next year is being finalized. All agreed the current staff is doing a good job in keeping the grounds looking good.

Building and Grounds:

- The storm window on the large stained glass window in the choir loft was installed recently.
- Thomas Painting has been contacted to paint the church basement kitchen and part of the floor. We are looking to have it done by December.
- The old kneelers in church have been removed and the new ones are expected to be installed in early September.
- The power company will be notified that the yard light north of the church is not working.
- The large tree on the lawn north of the church was inspected and deemed in good condition. The cost to remove it would be about \$2000.00 and the parish would be responsible for it. The decision was made to not take it down but look into having it trimmed to eliminate the danger of a branch falling on the church.
- The storm sewer line in front of the church will need to be replaced in the near future. This means the shrubs and concrete in that area will have to be removed. More discussion on this will take place next year.

Other Business:

- Plans will be made soon for the January visit of Bishop Ricken to our parish. An after Mass gathering for a Breakfast Brunch is being looked into.
- The annual parish meeting will be on Sunday September 25th after morning Mass.
- Discussion was held on the need to have more Mass intentions allowed. The idea of having several Sunday's a month designated as "Collective Intention Sunday's" was talked about and will be looked into. A decision will be announced in the future.
- The Memorial Plaque in the entrance of church has not been updated for many years. This will be done soon to reflect recent memorials and gifts to the parish. Overlooked memorials should be mentioned to the parish office for addition to the plaque.
- The Five Year Plan of goals, projects, and vision will start to be formalized and included with these minutes for further input.

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