

ST. ANDREW PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

December 2, 2015

PRESENT: Father Joe Corel, Pastor; Deanna Haslag, Staff; Council Members: Jim Brune, Duane Evers, Margie Hagenhoff, David Hall, Keith Kempker, Richard McMichael, Vickie Pabst, Connie Schepers, Roberta Schulte, Brenda Tighe, Phil Verslues, Eric Volmer, Larry Winkelman

EXCUSED ABSENCE: Tim Hronick, Debbie Mehmert, Craig Schneiders

CALL TO ORDER: Parish Council President, David Hall

OPENING PRAYER: Fr. Corel

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: President Hall called for a motion for approval of October 7, 2015, Parish Council Minutes, as written. Corrections to minutes are recorded and amended in bold italics as follows: Administration Commission Report, **Pg. 2** – Parking Lot, 2nd ¶ The cost right now is ***estimated*** \$70/per square yard. **Pg. 5** – Christmas Mass Times, Christmas Eve: ***5:00*** p.m. and 9:00 p.m. **Pg. 7** – NEW BUSINESS, Fall Festival, 1st ¶ ***Wendy Winkelman*** has volunteered to serve as 2017 2nd Co-Chair.

A second call made by President Hall for approval for October 7, 2015, minutes as amended and reported above. Motion made by Jim Brune, seconded by Phil Verslues. Motion unanimously approved. Accepted by Fr. Corel.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

Administration– Reported by Connie Schepers

Meeting of November 12, 2015, opened with prayer led by Fr. Corel. Those items discussed at the meeting were:

Air Conditioning – Kevin Lehman came today and worked with the thermostats in the gathering space and the church so they can now be controlled by Wi-Fi. The air conditioning in the gym is working well. The cold spots experienced at the Fall Festival were due to the vents needing to be redirected. Cages have been placed over the sensors to protect them from damage.

Repairs – The glass fronted refrigerator in the kitchen was repaired at a cost of \$1,126.00. The Knights of Columbus building was repaired at a cost of approximately \$918.00. Father Corel suggested the Church pay for the refrigerator and the Knights of Columbus pay for the building repair. Jim Brune will bring it up at the next K of C meeting.

Parking Lot – Tom Gredell and Keith Kempker were not present to discuss the cost of repairing the various sections of the parking lot. The committee discussed the possible cost and the property lines in the front of the property by the road. The decision was made to prioritize which section most needs repair and all agreed the ramp between the back lot and the lower lot should be the first section to repair. Larry Hartman will ask Tom Gredell to get bids for the repair of that section. We also need to know what needs to be done if there is water running under that area in order to keep it from ruining new concrete. It may require a drainage system. Richard McMichael has noticed water standing in the ditch along the road going to the old rectory building. He believes there is water draining from above.

Sprinklers - Deanna Haslag has noticed a significant increase in the water bill and wondered if it possibly means the sprinklers are leaking. She is keeping track of water bills now that the system is shut off to determine if there is a leak.

Downstairs Bathroom – Another priority is the downstairs bathrooms which need to be renovated. The suggestion was made to have a committee with experience to decide what needs to be done. Brad Copeland will be consulted as to who he would recommend to consult about the designing of the project.

Miscellaneous – Father Corel announced that they had a good mowers' pizza party as a thank you for those who mowed this summer.

Deanna Haslag also suggested that it would be helpful to have a building and grounds person to take care of things that go wrong.

The meeting adjourned with a prayer led by Father Corel.

Social Concerns – Reported by Duane Evers

Thanksgiving Baskets – Sixteen families received Thanksgiving Baskets through the generosity of the Parish School of Religion and parish-wide food collection drive. Volunteers from the parish sorted and boxed donations for delivery of baskets to designated families.

Christmas Giving Tree – Social Concerns Commission organized and delivered Christmas gifts to fifteen (15) designated families with children in attendance at each of three local Callaway County schools and distributed equally; New Bloomfield (5), Callaway Hills (5) and North School (5). Christmas gifts were made possible through the efforts of Social Concerns Commission and parish-wide members, either through monetary donations or providing gifts from tags hung from the Christmas Giving Tree.

Worship and Education – No report given.

OLD BUSINESS:

Pictorial Directory – Father Corel reported his approval of continued collection of group and event photographs, along with portrait photographs of new families being coordinated with updated directory information for the Pictorial Directory. The final draft should be submitted to printer soon. An update report will be provided at the upcoming Parish Council Meeting, scheduled February 3, 2016.

Murals – Margie Hagenhoff reported \$7,925.00 in donations have been received for murals. Autenrieb Mural will start work on murals in Illinois and begin work at St. Andrew's in January.

Parish Council Elections – Duane Evers, Parish Council Election Committee Chair requested a discussion regarding Parish Council Election weekend scheduled December 12-13, 2015. Candidates running on ballot are Jim Brune, Duane Evers, Lisa Hammond, Bert Heil, Paul Jacquin, Angela Mengwasser, Lana Massman and Mary Ann Stegeman. Duane Evers sent biographies and photos of each candidate to Deanna Haslag for display on bulletin board and information to be submitted as an insert in parish bulletin. Brenda Tighe and Richard McMichael will count ballot returns after Mass, December 13.

NEW BUSINESS:

New Year's Eve Dance – Margie Hagenhoff reported decorating will begin the day before. Dance will be advertised in St. Andrew bulletin, in addition to other parish bulletins. Help will be appreciated to decorate and clean-up. Snacks, soda/ice, donuts and coffee will be provided.

St. Andrew Website – Brenda Tighe inquired about posting of Parish Council Minutes on website. Deanna Haslag will update minutes on-line.

Margie Hagenhoff reported Dennis Hagenhoff has fixed a stool leak in the ladies bathroom. Cost of stool replacement and leak cost was \$173.00.

Margie also reported a wet spot around the piano while cleaning carpet shortly after a rainfall. Fr. Joe will ask Matt Hagenhoff to inspect that area for cause of wetness. She also asked if heat could be controlled while cleaning.

Fall Festival – President Hall called for a motion to use \$3,000 from the Fall Festival proceeds for restaurant auction purchases designated as in-need items (specifically,

convection oven and tables) that was discussed at the wrap-up FF Committee meeting. Other items discussed as needed may be purchased, but not to exceed \$3,000

Phil Verslues inquired if any designated as in-need items requested by the Fall Festival Wrap-Up Committee were purchased at the restaurant auction in Boonville as discussed at Parish Council, October 7, 2015 meeting. Fr. Joe reported an oven was bought and donated to the parish.

Advent Wreath – Margie Hagenhoff inquired about purchase of new candles for wreath. She will order candles through Deanna Hagenhoff.

Poinsettia Donations – Roberta Schulte inquired about donations for poinsettias in memory of loved ones. Artificial flowers are now being used. Deanna Haslag suggested she put a notice in the bulletin suggesting that memorial donations as a remembrance expression be made by taking a gift tag from the Christmas Giving Tree. Fr. Corel approved.

FR. COREL'S COMMENTS:

November – Known as month of the Holy Souls, Father Corel reported that the Altar Sodality donated a book that was stationed in the Sanctuary entrance during the month of November that parishioners used as a special way to pray for deceased loved ones. In addition, a four-part article on grief was inserted in the parish bulletin throughout the month.

Deer Hunters' Mass – Those hunters in attendance appreciated Mass. It was well received.

Re-ignite Retreat – Retreat is scheduled January 2nd and 3rd, 2016, at St. Andrew Parish, for high school students. At present, six student applications have been received and thirteen (13), 20 to 30 young adults to help with the weekend.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Special Parish Council – January 6, 2016, Wednesday, at 6:30 p.m. – to welcome newly elected Parish Council members and election of officers.

Parish Council – February 13, 2016, Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

CLOSING PRAYER: Led by Fr. Corel

Respectfully submitted by: Vickie Pabst, Parish Council Secretary