

## **St. Sebastian Parish Council Meeting Minutes – August 16, 2022**

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

New members, John Van Ess and Sandy Sponenburg were welcomed.

Acknowledgement of the Agenda and the May meeting minutes was then given and approved.

Fr. Sengole was not in attendance, so no report was given.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Finance Committee:**

- The Bishops Appeal goal was met this year. We were \$15 over goal. This make 4 years in a row we met goal. Our parish had 72 families that donated; nine of which are Crozier Society members.
- Parish Financial support in 2022 is \$18,000 over 2021, but still is \$8,000 less than what is needed.
- The diocesan high school assessment of \$1092 was paid in full.
- Our Cathedraticum assessment of \$6,946 for 2022-23 will be paid in six installments.

#### **Cemetery:**

- The cemetery recently received a donation of \$1,000 from Ken Melotte in memory of his brother Donald. This will be used for landscaping projects, and purchasing needed maintenance equipment.
- As of January 1<sup>st</sup> next year the price of a gravesite will be increased to \$400 for parishioners and \$800 for non-parishioners.
- Gravesites in the new section of the cemetery will now be available for purchase.
- The council approved an increase in salary for the groundskeeper. It was noted how well the cemetery and church grounds are being maintained.

#### **Building and Grounds:**

- We are still looking for someone to clear snow around the parish this winter. Anyone knowing a possible person to do so is asked to contact them or the parish office.
- The church holding tank alarm is still occasionally going off despite the tank not being full. A plumber has been contacted and will look for the source of the problem.
- It was noted that some of the blacktop cracks have gotten bigger and we should look at resealing again next spring.
- We received a letter from Ottis Elevator that the oil in our elevator hydraulic tank is due for replacement. This is recommended to be done every 10 years. The cost is \$8,750. John Van Ess will contact Ottis to question them about the necessity of this, being how little our elevator is used. He will report back to us at the next meeting.

#### **Religious Education:**

- Registrations for the new year have been sent out. An Open House of the Parish Center class rooms and library is scheduled for Sunday September 11<sup>th</sup>. Classes will begin on Sunday September 25.
- All the teacher positions and subs have been filled. Special Thanks to all those volunteers.
- Confirmation this fall will be held at Assumption B.V. M. parish in Pulaski on November 6 @ 5:00 P.M. This year we will have 6 students being confirmed.
- The Confirmation students and teachers will be making a retreat at the Shrine in Champion on Monday August 22.

**Christian Women:**

- The Christian Women have washed all the server gowns.
- Plans are being made to clean the Parish Center before R.E. classes begin.

**Worship:**

- No report.

**Other Business:**

- The Annual Parish Meeting will be held after Mass on Sunday September 25, 2022.

**The next St. Sebastian Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday November 15, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.**

**Committees will meet at 6:00 p.m.**