

St. Sebastian Parish Council Meeting Minutes – February 28, 2023

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

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

Fr. Sengole addressed the council and thanked those involved with the decorating the church, the Christian Woman for their Christmas Giving Tree, and those who participated in the St. Sebastian Feast Day Breakfast.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee:

- Several CD's coming due. These will be renewed at Nicolet Bank for 3% and 4%.
- The Bishop's Appeal goal this year is \$15,615.00. So far, we have received \$5,050.00.
- The Cathedral assessment for the parish was \$6,946.00.
- The Catholic High School assessment was \$1,164.00.

Cemetery:

- The spring cleanup will be held on April 29.
- The present cemetery is almost sold out. Burial plots are now being sold in the new section to the west.
- Winter burial costs have been increased to \$800 to cover the extra expenses incurred. The cost in the remaining seasons will remain the same at \$650.
- A bank CD coming due in May will be moved to Nicolet Bank in Seymour.

Building and Grounds:

- The elevator oil was checked by an Otis inspector and is fine.
- Snow removal expenses for the parish so far this winter are \$1,125.00.
- Two of the parish furnaces needed repairs recently at a cost of \$2,138.24.
- The council wishes to thank Ken Linsmeyer for his diligence in clearing the sidewalks around the parish after each snowfall.

Religious Education:

- The year is going well with only three more sessions this year. Students made rosaries and marked chapters in the Bible to help better understand it.
- First Holy Communion is planned for April 16th. We will have four students this year. Their First Reconciliation was also recently held.

Christian Women:

- The Christian Women Bake Sale brought in \$253.
- Twenty Six name tags were taken for the Christmas Salvation Army Giving Tree this year. It was noted that this has been an annual project in our parish for at least 35 years.
- The St. Sebastian Feast Day Breakfast was well attended and thanks is given to all who participated and helped.

Worship:

- Holy Week services will be as follows: Holy Thursday 6:30 PM @ St. Sebastian's, Good Friday 1:00 PM @ St. John's, Holy Saturday 8:00 PM @ St. John's, Easter Sunday will be normal Mass schedule.
- We continue to look for more parishioners to be involved with our music ministry.

Other Business:

- Results of the **one by One** campaign were discussed. At present the parish has \$33,023.00 in our campaign account that we can draw from. Estimates on replacing the carpeting in church will be sought for further planning discussion.

The next St. Sebastian Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday May 9, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Committees will meet at 6:00 p.m.