

## **St. Sebastian Parish Council Meeting Minutes – February 28, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM and opened with a prayer led by Fr. Brian. Acknowledgement of the December meeting minutes was then given. Opening comments by Father Brian were given.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Religious Education:**

- Toi Van Ess stated that we have about 40 students in our R.E. program this year. Attendance has been good and the children seem to enjoy coming to class.
- The children are incorporating lesson of nature into learning about the faith.
- The children will be asked to do an art project symbolizing their faith and it is hoped to be able to have these projects on display for parishioners to see. This may develop into a yearly program with an Art Fair type celebration each spring.
- Ways to have the children take part in Bishop Ricken's visit in January will be looked into.
- First Communion is planned for April 23.
- For Lent the students will be putting together baskets to collect personal hygiene products for Golden House.

#### **Finance Committee:**

- The final contribution for last year's Bishops Appeal came in at 73% of goal.
- This year's assessment for the Bishops Appeal is \$14,154.00. This is \$320.00 higher than last year and amounts to about \$82.00 per parish unit.
- Three CD's came due this winter and were renewed.

#### **Christian Service and Christian Women:**

- The social for Bishop Ricken went well and had a good attendance.
- The next meeting will be April 1<sup>st</sup>. At this time there are no extra plans for this year.

#### **Worship:**

- The worship schedule for Lent and Easter was given and was also published in the bulletin.
- Holy Thursday Mass will be celebrated at St. Sebastian this year.
- Plans will be made for having a May Crowning ceremony on May 7.

#### **Cemetery:**

- Spring clean-up of the grounds will be determined later.
- The lawn maintenance people will continue this year.

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

- Spring cleaning of the church & parish center will be Saturday April 8.
- Later this spring the sewer line replacement will be studied and decided on. The concrete apron in front of the parish garage needs replacement and a concrete slab needs to be installed to hold the dumpster so it is out of the parking lot traffic area.

- Possible installation of better lighting by the church front entrance was discussed and members were asked to consider if this is something we should do. A decision will be made later this spring.
- The resealing of the parking lot was discussed briefly and as of now the thought is to wait until later this year or next year to have this done.

**Other Business:**

- The parish 125<sup>th</sup> Ann. in 2018 was discussed briefly. Each member was asked to bring one idea for celebrating it to the next meeting. The plan is to make it a yearlong celebration.
- Spring election and selections are coming up in May. This year we will need to vote on a new Finance Trustee. Committee members were asked to submit names for possible new members.

The next St. Sebastian Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday May 16, 2017, at 6:30 p.m.  
Committees will meet at 6:00 p.m.