

St. Sebastian Parish Council Meeting Minutes – August 17, 2021

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

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

New council members, Trustee Patti Eisenreich and Secretary Beth Vande Hei, were welcomed.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee:

- Income for the fiscal year is down \$8,685.00 from last year.
- The Bishops Appeal goal has been met. Thank you to all who contributed.
- Discussion on how to invest a CD that is coming due. Six month interest is only .01%. It will be renewed.

Cemetery:

- A suggestion was made to move some cemetery markers to make them more uniform and easier for cutting grass. More on this will be discussed at the fall clean-up.
- Cemetery improvements should begin soon. Wolf River Asphalt was given the contract to blacktop the road extensions and reseal the present cemetery road.
- Special thanks to Schuh Construction for their donation and work done on the new refuse area in the northwest corner. Thanks also to everyone who assisted in the completion of this project.
- Erecting another cemetery rules sign to be placed at the south entrance was suggested. This will be looked into, as well as the need to limit the amount of decorations allowed by each grave marker.

Building and Grounds:

- The new steps and siding have been installed on the Parish Center. A few minor details still have to be addressed, but the result is a great improvement to the appearance of the building. Thanks to all who assisted in this project. The old iron railings are available for anyone who needs them.
- Thanks to Perry Matuszak for the installation of the new flag pole and Dick Stedl for refurbishing the Parish Center sign.
- It was mentioned at the last meeting that the seat cushions on the church pews are getting to the point of needing replacement. An estimate on the cost of doing this came to \$9,878.00. The suggestion was made to table this project to such time as the parish is ready to replace the carpeting.

Religious Education:

- Calendars and registration packets have been mailed to all the families.
- This year we will have in person classes beginning on September 12 and every second Sunday of the month thereafter. With the addition of several new teachers all classes are covered.
- Our parish has three students being confirmed on October 10 at the Cathedral in Green Bay.

Christian Women:

- Looking into some sort of social event this fall.
- The Parish Center will be cleaned on Monday August 30.

Worship:

- The parish is still in need of someone to organize the music ministry.
- The new permanent missalettes have arrived but will not be put into use until Advent.
- Discussion was held on purchasing a new media board for our sound system. The new system would provide us with more flexibility in using current methods of music media. The council approved spending \$687.00 to purchase one from Northern Sound & Video.
- Discussion was held on purchasing a Yamaha Clavinova to replace our current organ and key board. This will be studied further before a decision is made. The cost from Heid Music will be about \$6,000.00.

Other Business:

- The parish is in need of people to clean the church. Presently we have only four groups doing this. As a result the church is only being cleaned every other week right now.
- All council members are invited to attend "Gather in Joy" on October 21, 2021 at the Resch Expo Center.

The next St. Sebastian Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday November 16, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Committees will meet at 6:00 p.m.