

Minutes for Parish Council Meeting

February 16, 2015

Members Present: Fr. Tony Fortman, Jerry Hanneman, Eric Kaufman, Dale Warnecke, Jan Schroeder, Chris Hoehn, Lisa Meyer, Nick Lehman, Jane Kaufman, Anna Bellman

Absent: Brian Schroeder, Ben Deitering

1. The opening prayer was offered by Fr. Tony Fortman.
2. The January meeting minutes were read by the secretary. Motion for approval was made by Dale Warnecke and seconded by Nick Lehman. The minutes were approved.
3. Eric Kaufman gave an update on the parish center display area. The first four displays are almost ready, and the glass is due to be shipped by the end of the week. Artifacts can be put in within the next month.
4. A discussion was held on Brother Jerry's 60th anniversary celebration. A meal provided by the parish will be held at the Ottawa K of C on Sunday August 2. Both the Parish and Finance councils will assist.
5. We are looking into donating money for the cost of fuel for the men's mission trip to Mobile, Alabama in March. We will check with the Finance Council on last year's cost.
6. We went over a draft of a letter and prayer card to go out to parishioners when the capital campaign kicks off in April. We also reviewed estimates for the church projects, discussed future projects, and looked at more ideas from Conrad Schmitt of the painting to be done. Pictures of ideas for new stained glass above the side doors were presented. Replacing the current diamond pattern with the Heart of Mary and the Heart of Jesus would be a restoration to the original design.
7. We continue to look at new lighting. New fixtures would include a 5 year warranty. 11 new lanterns with a bronze or brass finish would replace the old; each new lantern would only use 100 watts as opposed to 500 & 750 watts. LED's look comparable to the lighting we currently have.
8. A problem with the women's restroom in the back of church has been fixed. A request was made to look into the feasibility and expense of an elevator to the choir loft being installed.
9. Approval was given for a service call on repairing the acoustics in the gym at the Parish Center, and a calendar of Parish Center activities will be inserted with the bulletin regularly.
10. The next meeting is scheduled for, Monday March 9 at 7:00.
11. Closing prayer was offered by Fr. Tony.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Hoehn