

Parish Council Minutes  
January 9, 2020

**Members: Fr. Callistus Okoroji, Rita Stieffermann, (Principal); Julie Brandt, Carol Schaefer (Social Concerns); Kathy Muenks (Secretary), Dave Kesel (Education); Chris Stegeman, Kevin Muenks (Vice-President) (Administration); Lisa Kremer, Danielle Plassmeyer (President) (Worship & Spiritual Development) Attendees are in bold.**

The meeting was opened with prayer.

Minutes were approved through email by members

**Renovation Update:**

- We have raised \$463,385 and we have had responses from 158 out of 343 parishioners.

**Administration:**

- Corey Jaegers has been hired to do snow removal through the week. His bid was \$185 for a 2" snow removal plus \$.55/lb. for ice melt. He also bid \$55/hr. and said that would likely be the cheaper option. This was for the school parking lot, entrance ramps, sidewalk and steps that lead to the buses. Corey has already done one removal for the school. Rita will be in charge of contacting Corey when she needs to. Corey is hired for the school week but we will still need volunteers to clean off snow on the weekends. We also need to find someone who can keep the Rectory's walkways cleared. Kevin will check on this.
- The rectory has upstairs ceiling tiles that have fallen. Kevin will contact Joe Brandt to see what needs to be done. Hopefully it can be done quickly before the new priest moves in. ( Update: Kevin contacted Joe Brandt to find out what needs to be done and he said the old ceiling tiles need to be removed and a drop ceiling be installed in all the upstairs rooms of the rectory. Chris then called Adam Dudenhoeffer and Adam said he would be able to have that installed before the end of the month. Adam will be coordinating this with Joe to get it completed.)
- Dennis Kremer reported that there is a tree that needs to be trimmed. Kevin will get this taken care of.

**Education:**

- St. Nick's Night brought in about \$4,000. Food was served to 360 people. It was a huge success. They hope to continue this every year.
- Confirmation will be held at a special Mass at Immaculate Conception on April 19th, 2020 at 2:00 pm. This will be for Loose Creek and Bonnots Mill kids. Bishop Gaydos will be here too. Reception will follow after the Mass.

**Social Concerns:**

**Osage County Needs -**

- Gave \$100 donation to help family who had fire previously & are still recovering, we helped with their water bill.
- Gave \$50.00 gas card to man for travel expenses after surgery in Columbia to visit doctor.
- Gave \$100 each to 3 people in need to help with medical expenses.
- Gave \$150 to Food Pantry.
- Also adopted 3 families for Christmas from Osage Caring Projects with money from October & November collections.

**St. Anne's Sodality -**

- St. Anne's prepared the Thanksgiving Dinner and provided attendance prizes for the Senior Citizens in November.
- A Christmas Party was held on Tuesday December 3, 2019. Mass was held in the cafeteria, followed by dinner, a short meeting, and games.
- Sister Bernita was given \$250 to buy treats for the people in nursing homes and the homebound she visits.
- It was decided to buy a green chasuble (vestment) for church.

- Prices for meals prepared by St. Anne's will remain the same. **Parish members:** 2 meats (chicken and ham) \$8.00, 1 meat (chicken or ham) \$7.50; **Non-parish members:** 2 meats (chicken and ham) \$9.00, 1 meat (chicken or ham) \$8.50. Must serve a minimum of 50 people. Contact Barbara Backes 573-694-0648 to book a dinner.
- The officers for 2020 are: Barbara Backes-President, Kathy Muenks-Vice-President, Terri Muenks-Secretary, Carol Schaefer-Treasurer

**Pro-Life Report** - None

**Sewing Circle Report** - None

**Spiritual and Worship Report** -

- Church was decorated for Christmas on Sunday, December 22, 2019. With all the construction going on church had to be decorated differently. It was decorated with a statue of the Holy Family, a couple of trees, and 30 poinsettias that were donated in memory of loved one. The list of who in memory the poinsettias was donated is hanging up in church. The decorations were taken down on January 1, 2020, after the 10 am mass due to the construction work starting on January 2.
- The committee will be getting with Father Anthony Rinaldo about Lent and Easter preparations in February.

**Principal Rita Stieffermann's Report** -

- Our Christmas program was rescheduled to Jan. 6.
- First and second grade angels will be invited to participate at the parish Christmas Masses. We did not have angels this year due to the church renovation.
- Daily all school prayer is prayed for the bishop's monthly intention.
- ACRE tests for grades 5 and 8 will be completed in February.
- Family Life and Protecting God's Children Touching Safety Lessons will be taught during second semester.
- The theme for Catholic Schools Week (Jan. 26-31) is Catholic Schools-Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed. The annual Day of Giving will be held locally.
- Thriftway Cash Register Tape Program runs from January to April. Points are earned to redeem for educational materials.
- The Home and School Association is completing their Shakespeare Pizza fundraiser and planning a cleaning night on Jan. 20.
- We are moving forward with FACTS training for the new Data management system.
- The School Advisory Board is investigating long range planning for a gym/multipurpose building.
- Area county Catholic schools are investigating the feasibility of a shared counselor.
- Profits of \$1560 raised by the School Advisory Board SUDS Fundraiser were donated to the church renovation.

**Fr. Cal's Report** -

- Blake Berhorst talked to Father about fundraising at church for a mission trip to Guatemala. She will be speaking at the Masses about the trip.
- Fr. Anthony Rinaldo will officially move into the rectory on January 28th.
- Fr. Cal will be taking care of Eldon and Mary's Home parishes

**Old Business:**

- Dick Gentges Memorial Bench-Will be located in front of the parking lot by the tree.
- Parish Directory- Pictures from the 175th celebration will be included in the new Parish book. A master list is being put together so appointments can be made for pictures.

**New Business:**

Election of officers:

President -Kevin Muenks

Vice-President - Julie Brandt

Secretary - Kathy Muenks

**Next Meeting:** March 17, 2020 at 6:30 pm

Closing prayer was given.

Meeting Adjourned

Fr. Callistus Okoroji, Pastor