St. Patrick's Parish Council Meeting Tuesday, June 4, 2024 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Opening Prayer

Accept previous meeting minutes:

Motion by Mary, seconded by Kathy. All approved.

- 1. Pastor's Report
 - a. Upcoming Events: Eucharistic Pilgrimage on June 6th and 7th
 - b. Upcoming Trips/Sessions:
 - c. Upcoming responsibilities: Fr. Vogel will be the Pastor of St. Olaf's, Mabel as of August 1, 2024 for one year. While Fr. Vogel will be assigned the Pastor, Fr. Matt Faschnet will serve the Mass at 9am each Sunday. The Diocese is reevaluating the status until 2025.

Members

Name	Present
Fr. Andrew Vogel	Х
Bill Fitzpatrick, Trustee	Х
Karen Kohlmeyer, Cemetery	Х
Trustee	
Mary Mell, Member	Х
Jean Meyer, Chair	Х
Mike Moriarty, Trustee	Х
Kathy Sexauer, Member	Х
Butch Shuda, Contract	Х
Maintenance	
Debi Shuda, Parish Staff	Х
Bookkeeper / Volunteer Youth	
Coordinator	

2. Parish Finances

a. Presentation of Financial Reports: Debi

Debi asked a question regarding the copier -- the current copier is slowly wearing out. A new "used" copier would be approximately \$3500-\$4000. Our annual budget for 2025 is at \$5000. Will consider in the future.

Diocese Letter regarding self-insurance. Currently, the parish pays monthly and the letter is requesting that parishes pay the annual bill by August 31st each year at \$10,000. All in agreement to pay in full annually.

Discussion on moving checking account funds to the AmeriPrise account. Will consider in the Fall of 2024.

Any purchases made by parishioners will complete a "Requisition – Check Request" form and obtain Fr.'s approval/signature prior to purchase.

Motion to accept: Motion by Mike, seconded by Bill. All approved.

3. Parish Outreach/Environment (Jean)

- a. Parish Outreach:
 - Current community outreach: Youth Caroling, Youth visits to Nursing Home, Parish monthly donations to Semcac Food Shelf, annual Baby Bottle Campaign, 2023 Trunk 'n Treat event
 - Needs of parishioners --
 - Eucharistic Congress (June 6-7)-- 2 Religious will stay at the St. Patrick's Rectory Br. Andre and Br. Emmanuel
 - 2024 Spring Fling (Jean) Success! Profit of \$13,703.13
- b. Parish Environment:
 - Décor: Ordinary Time
- 4. Buildings and Grounds
 - a. Butch's Updates:
 - Door at Sacristy -- Have the door, just has not been installed yet.
 - Cemetery Grounds -- Butch reported that there are trees overgrown at the Cemetery and he would like to cut them back. Council agreed, however, requested that another person must be with him when doing so.
 - Butch reported he had a complaint from a person who wanted to know who took her flowers from last year? Butch was unsure.
 - Butch repaired the screen door to the Kitchen at the Rectory.

- Butch wondered is the Hall Roof should be inspected. It is 15+ years old. All agreed that an Inspector would be a good idea.
- b. Bathroom Sinks -- (Karen) -- Karen reported that she was able to obtain 2 quotes. Waiting for work to be completed.
 - Karen reported that the counters were ordered, she will have the facets purchased. Butch asked that automatic urinal flushers also be installed. Karen will ask the contractor to provide and install.
- c. Rectory Work: (Jean)
 Update on work -- Bedroom/Bathroom complete. Looks great. Bed/flat top ordered, due to arrive May 23 26. Labor was donated by Dave and Julie Ammann. Total cost for products was \$2,628.20
- d. Other Donations: Living Room furniture, TV in Hall, Bell Tower electrical work by Steve Colsch
- e. Future Work Needs: Church stone repair work. Potentially cost approx.. \$2000, Pew refurbishment with kneelers, tuck point work, sanctuary work.
- 5. Faith Formation: (Debi)
 - a. Confirmation student report: 7 students: 2024: 4 students (Jackson, Colin, Adeline, and Madalyn) 2025: 3 students (Sophia Grams, Ryan Riederer, Summer Colsch)
 - b. First Communion: 2025 -- 1 candidate, maybe 2
 - c. Youth Activities:
 - Steubenville July 12-14, 2024
 - 2 youth will go with Caledonia and 2 will go with St. Patrick's -- cost is \$440/student to attend, plus chaperones.
 - Fundraising Activities report:
 - Able to raise \$150 with M&M fundraiser, \$775 Brat Fest, and \$336 from Spring Fling children's games.
 - d. Generations of Faith:
 - Recap of 2023/2024:
 - Year will be on "Creed" -- what we believe as Catholics. Speakers will be Fr. Evans, Fr. Vogel, Deacon Bob, Tom Thibodeau and Bishop Barren will be asked as well.
- 6. Cemetery: (Karen) NO UPDATES or ACTIONS
 - a. Cemetery Policy
 - b. Cemetery Boundaries
 - c. Cemetery fence replacement

ACTION: Fr. Vogel and Karen will work together in 2024 on each of the above areas. They will schedule a brief meeting to prepare for next steps in early 2024.

- 7. Other:
 - a. Fr. Joe's 50th Jubilee celebration on Sunday, June 2nd following Mass will serve egg bake, fruit, rolls and beverages.
 - b. Fr. Vogel has asked the Choir to provide music under the Heritage Mass. Choir felt they could make the switch in early September, 2024.
 - c. Jean will provide a re-cap of Parish Council meetings soon after each meeting, in the Bulletin.

Next Meeting: August 27 , 2024 at 6:00 pm