

St. Wenceslaus Parish, Wahoo, Nebraska

Parish Council Minutes – April 13, 2024

Attendance - Fr. Eickhoff, Fr. Johnson, Mike Weiss, Barb Chall, Mary Egler, Dianne Turman, Bob Sullivan, Tobin Spangler, Chris Lautenschlager

Opening Prayer: Fr. Eickhoff

Minutes were reviewed, corrected and approved

#### PASTOR UPDATE:

- \* 40 hour devotion report: 37 people signed up for an hour during Lent. Father would like to continue through Corpus Christi.
- \* Healing Mass - First step would be Unbound and Equipping stages. Father will look into this further.
- \* Parish Mission - This will be looked into next Lent.
- \* Music Ministry and new hymnals - They have not met yet
- \* Decorating committee - Stacey Dailey will need to be contacted to see if she plans to continue decorating for Christmas.
- \* Flocknote update - Father will do a test sometime. Super Administrators are Fr. Eickhoff, Fr. Johnson, and Gene Coleman.
- \* Quarterly Financial update- The Finance Committee have not met. Father gave a balance sheet for review.
- \* Father gave a clergy assignment update. Fr. Kennett will be replaced by Fr. Fleck at Colon. Fr. Jirovsky will have a 6 month sabbatical. Fr. Mills will be in residence in Wahoo and Superintendent of Bishop Neumann.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### STEWARDSHIP/Evangelization

- \* They sent out 34 invitations for the new parishioners' dinner on April 28.
- \* Parish Picnic - Set for June 28 at Lake Wanahoo Education Building. It will include a hot fudge fundraiser.

\* Eucharistic boards update - Plans are not finalized. We could have boards May 24 to June 7. Barb is trying to get 1 box of the small miracle boards.

\* Due to personal reasons, Amy Heimstra asked for help with her office and she and Jamie Thomas will co-chair the Stewardship council.

#### BUILDING MAINTENANCE AND SAFETY

\* Travis Bullock will bid to do the sidewalk and ramp at the same time

\* The council would like Bullock to check southwest corner for water leakage when he is doing the repair work.

\* We do not have a bid from Pat Vasa for the choir loft repair. Mike Weiss suggested John Benal be contacted to help with the loft.

\* 2nd street updates- No update. The city has not signed off yet. Tobin suggested calling Mr. Beavers and/or Mr. Wynn.

#### ELEMENTARY UPDATE -

\* Mr. Weiss introduced the St Wenceslaus staff to the newly hired Neumann Principal. The new addition to the school has a balance of \$780,000. We have received about \$600,000 in pledges and cash.

\* New projects for the grade school are updating the playground, hopefully with grants, and replacing the bleachers in the gym. The bid for the bleachers is \$45,000, if we remove the existing bleachers ourselves.

#### BISHOP NEUMANN UPDATE-

\* New Principal and Guidance Counselor are hired.

#### OLD BUSINESS -

\* No new developments in Parish Outreach position. Fr Eickhoff has financial concerns as well as other higher priorities at this time.

\* We will have a children's collection on a trial basis. Father will address this at mass.

\* Les Mach of the Knights of Columbus brought up the need to replace the windows on the convent. The bid is \$80,000. If the Knights raised \$60,000, could we raise \$20,000? It was suggested to reach out to the parish if anyone wanted to contribute to this fund.

#### NEW BUSINESS -

Priorities for the year were brought up by council members. They include: Plaster repair, flooring for the church, the pews, music ministry, outreach, and more consistent adoration hours. These will be addressed at future meetings.

NEXT MEETING - MAY 25

Closing Prayer - Fr. Eickhoff

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted, Dianne Turman