

St, John's Parish Council Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2021

Opening Prayer: (Allen)

Prayer for Bryce Brecht, led by Dawn

Members present: Fr. Craig Steimel, Allen Lueckenotto, Darlene Ohlen, Dave Breja, Dawn Tiedemann, Gene Deneve

Members absent: Tom Schulte

Secretary Report: minutes approved

Finance Report: latest one is July, finance report was approved

Old Business: St. John's 75th anniversary committee: Barb Manternach, Jean Ohlen, Julie Bridgewater, Dawn Tiedemann and Tammi Fisher

New Business: Request to purchase new Christmas decorations for inside the church. \$200 budget was approved for new Christmas decorations, including new wreaths, window treatments, etc... Dawn and Julie B. to purchase decorations.

Mass schedule for Thanksgiving: 9:00 am at IC parish

Buildings & grounds: Lamp post replacement: 2 new lamps were installed, and 1 post replaced, working on cement quotes for front sidewalks. Dave will apply yellow paint where there are trip hazards (uneven concrete). Hupfeld thought he would get to the tree removal in the next couple of weeks. Need to speak with James about mowing regularly and still need to call on roof inspection.

Additional cleaning supplies needed for ladies that clean, who usually buys these items? It was suggested that 1 person buy supplies for cleaning the church and turn in the receipts to Jaci. Parish Life person, Dawn, will buy them. But cleaning women can still bring their own cleaning supplies if they choose.

Education: Children's mass, Janet Niebuhr's children want to be involved. Fr. Craig is not planning any Children's masses for the parishes. In the past when this was tried, the purpose was to get families with children to come to church, but it did not work well. Dawn will speak with Janet and see if they want to sign up as greeters, etc...

Still in registration phase for catechism. Start at the end of September. Looking for 2 catechists. Classes will be held at St. Paul's.

Social Concerns: Elementary students in BC received some school supplies. Collection was held with school district, \$1,900 was collected and given to the school. The goal was to let the district purchase what the students needed.

Nothing going on right now. Maybe ask Jaci for a needy family at Christmas. Allen asked if there was a list of annual projects/programs that we could have documented and then refer to year to year.

Parish Life: Sharing resources (lectors, greeters, etc... with other parishes) is there support? Though

not opposed to sharing, it would be hard to schedule someone from another parish and there was not a consensus to reach out to other parishes. We do get good volunteerism when no one local is present. Dawn will put out sign-up sheets and put in the bulletin, requesting for all ministry people. She will also have a write up for announcements at the end of mass.

Would like to see music at every mass, what options do we have? Dawn suggested offering to pay musicians \$25 to play for mass. Allen to speak with musicians to see if this was a missing element for participation. Dawn to speak with John Hayden to see if he knows of any HS student in the area that plays the piano.

Comments: No comments

Next meeting: December 9th, Thursday at 6:30 pm

Closing Prayer: (Allen)