

Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic Church
Parish Council Meeting
Thursday, September 27, 2018

Present: Fr. Lourdu, Sister Marianna, Coreen Webster, Carolyn Schmitt, Pat Schultz, Carol Soraparu, Harry Kolasa, Bob Mechelke, Bob Callahan
Absent: Vicki Gabert, Kae Van Den Heuvel

The meeting was called to order by Coreen Webster and opened with a prayer led by Fr. Lourdu.

The July minutes were approved by Bob Mechelke. Seconded by Pat Schultz. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Ladies Guild: There was no report from the Ladies Guild.

Buildings and Grounds:

- + Bob Callahan presented the bids from Badger State and from Doug Stanek for the expense of the lights. The bid of Mr. Stanek was \$173.00 per light and Badger State was \$189.51 per light installed. Discussion took place on some unknowns such as would Doug's price include installation? How would the rebates affect the price? Would the church and hall be done at the same time? This was tabled and revisited at the end of the meeting.
- + Bob brought up the need to inspect the roof. This has been done by Butch Podolak and Anthony Filipiak.
- + Carolyn mentioned that the lights in the parking lot seem to stay on all the time. Coreen recommended that Doug Stanek look into this as well.
- + Carolyn mentioned that Trevor Schmitt will clean the sidewalks this winter.
- + Fr. Lourdu will ask the secretary, Monica, to advertise for snow removal this winter for around the parish.

Social Action:

Carol noted that the only Food Pantry in Taylor County is in Jump River and urged all to bring donations. The Students in Religious Education are encouraged to do so which Sister Marianna is willing to promote. The students love to present the baskets at the Offertory of the Mass.

Religious Education:

Sister Marianna gave a summary of the activities since August when the teachers came together for the Catechist meetings in Gilman and Sheldon. As of now there are 72 children in Gilman and 28 in Sheldon with 11 teachers in Gilman and 4 in Sheldon. More substitutes are needed. See the attached report. The Blessing of Animals will take place on Wednesday, October 3rd. Family Sunday is October 7th. All Saints Day celebration will be November 4th.

Worship and Spirituality: Summer has been Ordinary time. No report.

Bazaar report:

+ Fr. Lourdu handed the report of the financial income from the bazaar to all the members. The Grand Total was \$15,851.49. He especially thanked Betty Callahan and Linda Olejnickak for their leadership. He thanked the Knights of Columbus for the auction, the Ladies for the work of preparing the meal, and everyone in the parish who worked together for the success of the bazaar.

Fr. Lourdu also thanked the Knights of Columbus for purchasing the Patio Set for the parish.

+Fr. mentioned the Blessing of the Animals will take place on Wednesday, October 3rd, even though the Feast of St. Francis is October 4th so that the CCD children can participate. It will take place at 4:45 p.m. in Gilman and 6:15 p.m. in Sheldon.

+Fr. Lourdu sent a thank you card to Duane Callahan for donating \$2,000 toward the installment of the lights.

+The Rosary will be prayed before Mass during the month of October. This month is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Pat Schultz has assigned persons from the Rosary Society to lead the Rosary. The Worship Committee are asked to prepare the altar to Mary with the smaller statue being placed in the sanctuary. Some children are asked to present flowers to Mary on Family Sunday.

+The Easter Vigil was discussed. Fr. Lourdu presented the dilemma of Easter Vigil versus having a family Easter Mass on Sunday. The Vigil Mass seems late for families to attend with their children. The Council was in favor of having an Easter Vigil Mass in Gilman. Sheldon will have to decide what their wishes are.

+On October 9th Fr. Lourdu will attend a special Jubilee Mass held in Green Bay at the National Shrine of Mary Help of Christians.

+Fr. Lourdu will attend the Clergy Workshops being held on October 14, 15, and 16th. There is no Mass in Lublin on the 16th.

Return to the Discussion on the Lights

To redo the lights in the church and Parish Hall would cost \$14,000. There would be one bulb in each light fixture in the church instead of the seven now there. New shades would be also be purchased. The flood lights on the altar would be reduced from 12 lights to four lights at a cost of \$2,400.

The Council recommended that there be a joint meeting of the Pastoral Council and Financial Council.

At the present time the Council recommends that Doug Stanek do the Parish Hall lights and the flood lights. No action taken. Bob Callahan will talk to Doug and to the Financial Council.

New Business:

Fr. Lourdu shared the CSA Goal for Calculating the support to be given to the Diocese of Superior.

This year the goal of the CSA of Saints Peter and Paul is \$11,393.

Since there is a debt of \$2,335.00 to be paid from this past year's assessment, Bob Mechelke made a motion that this be paid out of the checking account. Pat Schultz seconded it. Motion passed.

Fr. Lourdu asked the Council to consider moving some of the money from the checking account into the renovation account. Pat Schultz made a motion to move \$10,000 to the renovation account. Bob seconded. Motion passed.

Cemetery Committee

Bob Mechelke mentioned that some parishioners have some questions about the cemetery. He posed some questions for the cemetery Committee to consider.

When may flowers be placed on the graves?

What items may people place on the gravesites?

When are the decorations to be taken off the graves?

The Cemetery Committee may wish to present an insert to be included some weekend in the bulletin.

There being no further business, the meeting closed with a prayer led by Fr. Lourdu.