

Parish Council Minutes  
November 11, 2015

Attending: Fr. Tim Kozak, John Anderson, Marie Johnson, Ray Johnson,  
David Gloeckner, Diana Bartles & Cecelia Lisle

John called the meeting to order. Fr. Tim did a scripture reading and there were a few minutes of reflection. The meeting then continued with the reading and approval of the previous meeting's minutes. A motion was made by Diana Bartles, and seconded by Marie Johnson, to accept the minutes as written. All were in favor.

Committee Reports:

Building and Maintenance:

- The elevator is working. The packing has been repaired and no other problems were found. Final cost for the repair \$1,797. Emar said that the elevator is almost at the end of its expected life. Replacing the elevator would be very expensive. It was also noted that we cannot afford the constant repairs.
- A repairman has been contacted about the problem with the slats in the bell tower. He felt that they could be repaired without major expense.

Liturgy:

- Bishop Monforton celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation on November 8<sup>th</sup>. Eight students received the sacrament.

Religious Education:

- The CCD students are collecting canned and boxed items for a food drive. On Nov 15<sup>th</sup> the food will be donated to the needy in the area. So far it appears to be going well.
- There will be a meeting after the November 15<sup>th</sup> Mass for parents of the CCD students to discuss any concerns or present ideas to improve the CCD program. It is hoped that the reason for the decline in students can be worked out and that the parents are willing to get involved in making the needed adjustments.

Finance:

- Parish checking is down.
- The Diocesan liability insurance bill is \$14,256. We are permitted to make eight monthly payments. A payment of \$ 2,000 has already been made. The last one is due in June. Money has been set aside, but we are still \$5,000 short.

## Social

- The Confirmation Brunch was well attended and a number people had a chance to speak with the Bishop.
- The Gavin dinner will be November 12<sup>th</sup>.

## Old Business

- The December 20<sup>th</sup> CCD Christmas program was briefly discussed. Carrie Gloeckner is in charge of the program and wants to have a play put on by the students along with a spaghetti dinner. Fr. Tim would prefer to have the students sing a couple of songs before the Christmas Eve Mass, but it ballooned into something much larger, and the songs at the Mass were dropped. All were in agreement that there should be something at the Christmas Eve Mass, since the students will already be doing all of the ministries.

## New Business

- Fr. Tim stated that he had talked to the Bishop about the decreasing attendance and collections. The Bishop said that there were some things that could be done, but did not provide any details or timeframe. Fr. stated that we have already cut costs in a number of ways and that our biggest expense now is his salary and hospitalization.
- Discussion was held as to what could be done to bring people back. Marie Johnson said she had mailed out cards to several families not attending Mass. All thought this was a good idea and that we needed to reach out to them. Fr. also discussed the book that we had all received earlier, *Forming Intentional Disciples*, and encouraged the Council members to study the book for further ideas to bring back fallen away parishioners.

With no other business, a motion was made by Diana Bartles, and seconded by Marie Johnson, to adjourn. Fr. Tim ended the meeting with a prayer.