

St. John Parish Council Meeting

Thursday, March 3, 2016
St. John Church 6:30 pm

Opening Prayer: Read by Gene DeNeve

Attendance : Fr. Craig, Gene DeNeve, Barb Manternach, Joel Thys, Jeremy Kulbartz, Stacy Siek, Dawn Tiedemann.

Absent: Jay Fisher, Cindi Andrew

Previous meeting notes were reviewed.

Old Business

Finance: Joel explained the expenses are down & the income is the same.

No problems with finances.

Building & Grounds -

Painting of Dining Room Walls - Jeremy reported Cindi was going to help organize & get the painting of the dining room started.

New Lights for the Large Dining Room - No report on this. Joel will contact some people for quotes or bids.

Elevator Key - It was decided to have 3 copies made of the elevator key. Randy Macku will be contacted to see if he can make them.

Stable - Rick Voss made a new wood stable out of old barn boards donated by Jean & Bob Ohlen. Rick will repair the old crib or will make a new one out of the left over boards. David Manternach, Steve Manternach, Allen Ehrman & Cindi Andrew have been helping Rick with this project. The stable is being stored in a furnace room next to the elevator in the basement.

Clean Up Morning - Saturday, March 12 at 8:00am the 3 walls of one of the classrooms in the basement will have the paneling removed & 3-4 ceiling tiles replaced. The outside paneling & ceiling tiles were damaged due to water problems. Jeremy & Joel will work together on this project. Jeremy asked that if anyone else can help that would be great. He recommended they bring their own tools with them (crowbar, hammers etc) Joel said he will arrange to have the old paneling taken to the land

fill on Monday morning. Please contact Jeremy or Joel if you are able to help with this project or have any questions.

Rectory Rental Shower - One of the showers has tile walls. Jeremy said some tiles are falling off & this will need repair. Joel has someone in mind that can help do the job. Faucets also need to be replaced. Jeremy or Joel will contact Tom Bridgewater to see if he can help with this project.

Bats - Bats have been seen in the roof of the rectory. It will be checked out when the weather becomes warmer.

Rectory - Someone reported smoking in the rectory. There is **no** smoking & **no** pets written in the rental contract.

Rectory Brick Planter Edging - The corner edge of the brick needs repair this summer. Before new landscaping can be done in front of the rectory we hope it can be repaired. Joel said he has someone who can do this small repair.

New Business

Mission of Hope Hot Lunch Program - Stacy reported a meeting was held on Thursday, Feb 18 at 6:30pm at St. John Church to discuss the hot lunch program for the needy & poor at Mission of Hope. Theresa Hagen organized the meeting & meal. Cluster & Parish Council members in the Queen of Saints Cluster were sent a letter and invited to the meeting & meal. There were many options to choose from for serving the lunches. Theresa Hagen, Stacy Siek & Ann Frese will be heading this project. The lunch will be prepared & served on Monday, March 14 from 12pm-1:00pm at Mission of Hope. They will be serving 150-200 people. Beef & noodles will be served. The youth group will also be involved and anyone is welcome to help. The Mission of Hope address is 1700 B Ave, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Phone: 319 365 1782. Please contact Theresa Hagen.

Calendar -

Palm Sunday Mass will be held at St. John.

Stacy reported no one from St. John will be receiving First Communion so far this April.

Mother's Day, May Crowning & Senior Mass might be combined on Saturday, May 14.

Flowers - No Christmas flowers were ordered with the donations for flowers at Christmas time. Thank you to St. Patrick's Church at Watkins for letting us borrow some of their Christmas flowers. Barb Manternach suggested this money be rolled over to Easter & Mother's Day to help beautify the church. Barb volunteered to work on this.

Education -

RE Program - Stacy reported a questionnaire has been mailed out to the families involved with the RE program with questions regarding the Wednesday traditional program or the week long summer program in June after school is out. Stacy will report back to the council at our next meeting the results of the questionnaires.

Stations of the Cross - The Confirmation Candidates do the Stations of the Cross for the Queen of Saints Cluster. The location of the Stations of the Cross was changed from our church to the High School Auditorium in Van Horne. Fr. Craig & the Faith Formation Committee were not notified of the location change. Moving the location will be discussed at our next meeting.

Youth Mass - No Youth Mass was held in February. March 12 & April 16 will be the next Youth Masses.

Social Concerns - No report.

Parish Life -

St. John Confirmation Candidates - Garrett King & Stuart Tiedemann will be confirmed by Archbishop Jackels on Wednesday, April 20, 7pm at IC Church in Van Horne. Patrice Strellner has been their Youth Minister.

St. John High School Graduating Seniors - May 14 might be the Mass with the high school seniors in St. John. Kyla Plotz & Megan Luecknotto are the seniors. They will be contacted in May.

Parish Council Elections - Fr. Craig shared they will be held on Mother's Day weekend in all of the parishes. The office and Jaci will need the candidate's names & biographies by the end of April for the ballot. St. John will be looking for four candidates. Gene DeNeve & Cindi Andrew will be done with their parish council term of 3 years. We will work together in contacting new candidates early April.

Ministry List Volunteers - Late April a new sign up list will be placed in the back of church for new people to sign up on to help with the ministries of our parish.

Fellowship After Mass - Sometime in June we would like to serve cake, coffee, water & punch on the front yard following Mass. A cake decorator will be contacted to make the cake.

New Altar Servers - Garrett King & Stuart Tiedemann will be done as altar servers the end of June. Fr. Craig will train the new altar servers in June at St. John for the year of 2016.

Next Meeting: Thursday, June 16 6:30pm at the church.

Closing Prayer: Read by Dawn Tiedemann Minutes submitted by Dawn Tiedemann