

Five Parish Council meeting
Tuesday, January 24, 2023

Present: Troy Luebke, Mitch Thobe, Kylie Moeller, Karen Homan, Terry Mescher, John Reichert, Jeff Griesdorn, Tyler Schmit, and Sharon Kremer.

Meeting was open with the Our Father.

- There are 10 people attending the Griefshare session at Precious Blood. This is a 13 week session and led by Herb Wilker also there are others from the community who help present this program.
- Linda Kuenning and Ellen Topp from Holy Redeemer had the Stephen Ministry program in their parish. This now has been expanded to the parishes in the NW8. Linda and Ellen are having training for those who were interviewed. This is approximately 50 hours of training. This is a great need for those who lost who lost a family member, depression etc.
- There are 12 ladies attending the Women's Welcome Retreat on February 18 and 19. There still openings for this.
- "The Mass" weekly faith share groups have been meeting, Carolyn Stucke is doing the Monday sessions at Precious Blood church basement. The priests are the sessions on Thursday at 1pm at St. Augustine and 7pm at Holy Redeemer. High school and middle school on Tuesday evenings at St. Sebastian and little turn out for this.
- We may be looking at doing one Divine Mercy Sunday in the NW8 family of parishes.
- The staff from the NW8 are meeting next Tuesday, January 31st to go over results from Clifton Strengths. This will help the staff visioning and planning of our parish family.
- **St. John** – Window Creations took out 2 of the stain glass windows on the East Side of the church on January 11th. There were enough funds to do the project and the remaining funds will be put in the maintenance fund.
The parish council decided not to repair the crack by the big cross above the organ since this is a reoccurring thing. Looking in to how more permanently fix this in the future.
Had to repair some shingles with the wind in the fall.
Organ needs some repair.
- **Precious Blood** – There will be new landscaping replaced around the church this fall and Pleiman Landscaping will be doing this. Will put rock around the landscaping. There will be place for flowers around the statue.
Moving to a 3-year term for the parish council.
Looking at whether to put asphalt or concrete on the new parking lot. The quote for asphalt was much less then concrete.
The maintenance position has not been filled but looking at several people to be on a committee for the maintenance.
Will most likely be locking the thermostats.

- **Nativity** –Louvers blow off with the wind in the fall and Wellman repaired this.
Getting quote to replace windows in the rectory
Putting some storm windows on the windows.
Top of the steeple molding is getting bad and water is getting in there. Looking into having this repaired.
Received a letter from the Health Department regarding the septic tank. Will probably have the septic tank pumped and then can keep information local at Mercer County and not deal with the EPA.
Next parish council meeting February 6th.
- **St. Rose** –There has been around \$87,000 collected for the stain glass window project.
A letter was sent the Archdiocese on approval for the school house. It will be called “Our Father’s House”. Fr. Ken Schroeder and Fr. Gene Schnipke picture will be on the wall.
The mower needs replaced. Had someone willing to donate \$5,000 to the new mower.
Ladies Sodality are looking into a fundraiser at the Harvest Barn. Thinking about “Stump the Priests”
- **St. Sebastian** – Signed the contract for Window creations to start the job in fall of 2023 or spring of 2024.
Looking into possibility insulating the church basement. Also, may some new windows in the basement.
Solar light in the front entrance for better lighting.

Next meeting Tuesday, May 23, 2023 at 7:30pm at Precious Blood basement