

St. John Parish Council Meeting Minutes Sept 13, 2021

Present were Randy Wolters, Gail Mueller, Jesse Ranly, Amy Goettemoeller, Kelly Evers, Jake Heitkamp, Amy Grieshop, Caroline Ranly, and Troy Luebke

- 1.) Opening Prayer: led by Randy Wolters, president
- 2.) Committee Reports:
 - **CCD & Religious Education-** no new updates, Religion started last week.
 - **Youth Organization:**
 - Kelly and Barb have retired
 - New advisor: Sarah Mescher
 - **Men's Sodality-**
 - Oct 31 Halloween children's parade/party
 - **Bereavement-** no new updates
 - **Finance:**
 - Finance remains strong
 - Sunday collections for the year end (6/30) were \$30K higher than last fiscal year.
 - Filed and have received forgiveness of the government's paycheck protection program of \$55 during the fiscal year. As a result, the parish has approximately \$422K in checking, savings and investments. Finance committee talked about the earnings on this money-recommending keeping it local (St Henry Bank).
 - Recommend to the council and maintenance committee to spend money if projects need support. Like stainless glass project Dale Homan mentioned prior.
 - **Maintenance & Grounds**
 - Posted maintenance head to replace Dale Homan.
 - **Cemetery-**no no new updates
 - **Ladies Sodality**
 - New officers assigned.
- 3) New Business:
 - Members:
 - i. Outgoing members: Gail, Jesse, Randy
 - ii. New members: voting will be Oct 23/24, working on the ballet nominees.

- Handrail discussion: recommendation of a new handrail(s) added to the main stairway to the altar.
 - i. Are there other churches that have this? Can we get pictures
 - ii. Does it need to be on both side or just 1
 - iii. Option to have it removable. Is a need for it being removable?

4) Next 5 Parish Council meeting:

- Workshop aids: hybrid

5) Next Meeting: Nov 8 8:00 pm

6) Closing Prayer: led by Randy

Report submitted by Kelly Evers, Secretary