

St John Parish Council Meeting Minutes

January 16, 2023

Opening Prayer-Our Father

Committee Reports

CCD & Religious Education (Chris Wibbenmeyer)

Amy Grieshop

- *No report*

CYO (Sara Mescher & Kelly Budde)

Barb Kahlig

- *CYO Basketball for boys and girls continues through February 5*
- *CYO Chili Dinner is scheduled for February 19. Contact Sara Mescher for tickets. Profits from the Chili Dinner will be used for an outing in Feb/March. A charitable donation will be made as decided by the group.*

Men's Sodality (Ty Thobe)

Caroline Ranly

- *Election of Officers took place.*
Marc Otte – Vice President
Tyler Speelman – Secretary
Greg Koesters/Lucas Bertke –Cemetary Committee members
Will be helping with Spring Church Cleaning

Bereavement (Ann Everman)

Doug Billerman

- *Have had two funerals this year. The committee is looking for new members. Possibly someone who is recently retired.*

Finance (Alan Wolters)

Greg Wolters

- *Parish finances look strong. Paul Gagel is exploring CD rates and the possibility of investing in new CD's.*

Maintenance & Grounds (Kelly/Frank Evers)

Liz Mescher

- *Window Creations will start the window project on January 10, 2023. This fall with the wind/rain storm shingles blew off the church roof and we had damage in the choir area. Wellman Brothers have fixed the shingle issue on the roof.*
- *Spring mulching – will not mulch as done every 1 or 2 years. Pile of mulch in back to be used for low spots.*
- *Several pews (at least 2) have cracks on the seating area the will need fixed.*

Cemetery (Randy Wolters)

Mitch Thobe

- *No updates*

Ladies Sodality (Katie Speelman)

Michelle Ashman

- *The Winter Social will take place on February 10, 2023. Voting for a new Secretary and Vice President will take place.*

New Business:

a. Plaster Repair Project Details:

- i. On November 22, I received an email regarding a large crack in above the choir. There was some major damage done to this area before and it was fixed already. Brian Brothers have a quote for us (attached) but they could not guarantee it would not crack again. Sharon wanted to get our thoughts on this if we should move on it or wait it out.

The Parish Council decided to hold off on the crack fix since this is a reoccurring theme. Trying to decide when last time it was fixed prior to 2020 paint project. How to more permanently fix in the future.

b. Window Creations Update:

- i. January 10th is the start date for removing windows. Storm glass will be installed on the exterior while windows are being prepared.

Old Business:

Cleaning Position Update:

- ii. Amy Hilgford has a cleaning service and she has this covered.

Discussion took place about the stillborn cemetery. With only 2 plots left, they were considering adding another row.

A request from a parishioner was made to move the tabernacle from the side altar to the high altar in the center. After much discussion the idea was tabled, due to lack of knowledge on reason it was moved to side alter years ago, what location is best for parishioners and aged priests involved. More research is being done.

Next 5 Parish Council Meeting: January 24th 7:30 @ Precious Blood Church Basement

- c. Mitch and I will attend that.

Next Meeting – March 13, 2023, @ 8:00pm in Rectory basement

Closing Prayer- Hail Mary