

St John Parish Council Meeting Minutes

November 6, 2023

1. Opening Prayer-Our Father

2. Committee Reports

CCD & Religious Education (Chris Wibbenmeyer)

- *No report from Chris Wibbenmeyer*

CYO (Sarah M. & Jennifer M)

- *St John CYO kicked off the year with 44 students.*
- *2 boys basketball teams and 1 girls team with St. Rose.*
- *Poinsettia fundraiser under way. Delivery scheduled for 11/29/23.*
- *Will again be coordinating St John's Angel Tree, supporting Our Home Family Resource Center.*

Men's Sodality (Ty Thobe)

- *No report given.*

Bereavement (Ann Everman)

- *All souls mass went well. Ann Everman would like to find someone else to take charge of this mass.*

Finance (Alan Wolters)

- *Still have not received any applicants that fit for the Business Manager Position. Any help in recruiting for this position would be appreciated. Mitch sent an email to Alan Wolters and Fr. Ken asking them if we could hire the payroll portion out to a consultant.*

Maintenance & Grounds (Kelly/Frank Evers)

- *There is some rotted wood above the south main entrance window that needs replaced. Due to no financial concerns, they will move forward with this repair and hopefully wrap up the window project soon.*
- *The roof project is on hold for now. We will reassess with Frank Evers after the Winter to see how the roof help up. Frank does not currently have concerns with the condition of the roof.*

Cemetery (Randy Wolters)

- *It was discovered that there are 3 open spots left in the children's cemetery, which should on average, last a few more years. The plan is to add a new children's section on the east side of the cemetery next to Jefferson Street. Plan is to pour the headstone concrete foundations in the next year.*
- *Several volunteers have met every Monday in September to straighten the tombstones. Also tore out a few headstone footers and re poured several. Mike Rethman has been a huge asset coordinating equipment and concrete.*

Ladies Sodality (Kelly Nieberding)

- *The cookies with Santa will be December 5, 6:30 – 8p at the Legion*

3. New Business:

- a. Perry Unrast put in his resignation for snow removal in early October. Heitkamp Development Inc. (HDI) will be doing the snow removal for the parking lots. Craig Wolters is the point of contact with HDI.
- b. A Unified Pastoral Council meeting has been set for November 9, 7pm at Precious Blood, Chickasaw. Michelle Ashman, Barb Kahlig and Jenny Albers have agreed to represent St John's Parish.
- c. Elections were held and we would like to welcome, Trent Huelsman, Jenny Albers and Angie Francis to the St John's Parish Council. Thank you to Amy Grieshop, Caroline Ranly and Troy Luebke for your past years of service. Congratulations also to Michelle Ashman, Vice President and Liz Mescher, Secretary.
- d. Discussed open music director position. Mitch Thobe emailed Fr. Ken about the possibility of advertising the position as two, one for St. John's and another for Precious Blood. The thought was this could open it up for more people who don't want the time commitment of directing both parishes.

4. Old Business:

- i. No news

5. Next Meeting – 1-8-24 @ 8pm in the Rectory Basement

6. Closing Prayer- Hail Mary