

ST. WENDELIN'S PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Unapproved Minutes

St. Wendelin's Parish council held its meeting on Thursday, February 11, 2016 at 7:30pm at Holy Cross School.

Opening Prayer: Tony Knier opened with a prayer.

Members Present: Tony Knier, Steve Torborg, Charlie Dombrovski, Michael A Lommel and Father Ron Weyrens. Trustees present were Paul Koshiol and Joe Watrin.

Members Absent: Keith Lommel

Guests: Todd Hurrle

Approval of Agenda: A motion was made to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded and passed.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made to approve the January 14, 2016 minutes with a correction to be made under Old Business - C: Work needed in Rectory for new Tri-Parish Secretary Office. Correction is the cost of the upgrades will be covered by St Wendelin's Parish. Monthly operating expenses such as utilities will be split 40%-40%-20% among the parishes. With the correction the motion was seconded and passed.

Standing Committees Reports:

- **Faith Formation:** Father Ron was not available for comment.
- **Maintenance:** Items up for discussion were the louvers for the Bell Tower and the need for a replacement storm door on the north door of the rectory. Basement doors to both the church and the rectory are in need of replacement and exterior doors will be used.

Finance Update: Todd Hurrle presented the council with the January financial reports. A motion was made to approve the financial report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Endowment Funds: The bylaws for the Endowment Funds were completed and approved by the Finance Council. A new Endowment Committee will be created and John Kaiser will head the new committee. We will be looking for three addition members for this committee.

School Budget: The School budget will remain flat for the upcoming year. If the school budget should drop then any extra funds will be offered to parishioners with children in the school to offset their tuition.

Old Business:

- **Parish Lawn Mover:** The Finance Council discussed the cost of a new lawn mower. Todd and Paul will work up options to buy or lease and associated costs. They will bring their finding to the next meeting.

- Work needed in Rectory for new Tri-parish Secretary office: Upgrades to the rectory prior to the secretary moving in such as wall paint, new carpet, new window sills, and new flooring in the room off the garage entrance. Estimated cost of repairs \$3,500 - \$5,000. The secretary's office will need to be cleared out as there are a number of books stored in that room. Paul, Tony, and Fr. Ron will get together in March and do a walk through to firm up a plan of action to achieve the rectory being ready to receive the new secretary in May 2016.

New Business:

- **Long Range Planning:**
 - Entries /Choir loft stairs / possible changes to south entry: Steve reported that there are no options within the current building structure for a change in the stairs to the choir loft. This would need to be part of a larger long range plan. The current stairwell will be reviewed for hand rails from the top to the bottom of the stairs and step grips will also be looked into.
 - Parish Parking Lot: Repairing the parking lot and / or blacktopping the area of the parking lot that is currently gravel was discussed. Due to time restraints and discussion of long range planning, this topic was tabled until the next meeting. Joe and Paul will get some preliminary options and associated costs for the next meeting.
 - Father suggests the parish council start some serious discussions on what are the future needs in the church are and how would we achieve them.

Next meeting schedule: Thursday, April 14, 2016 at 7:30pm. Location not yet determined.

Closing Prayer: The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm with a closing prayer led by Fr. Weyrens.

Respectfully submitted: Jeanne Lommel