

**Minutes of the
St. Wendelin's Parish Council Meeting
November 16, 2017, 7:00 pm
St. Wendelin's Mary Hall**

Members Present: Charlie Dombrowski, Keith Koltres, Paul Koshiol, Kevin Lommel, Char Volkmuth, Fr. Ron Weyrens

Members Absent: Dan Greenwald, Joe Watrin (excused)

Guest Present: Andy Kiffmeyer, Gary Maus, Mike Ritzer

I. Opening Prayer

Char Volkmuth led the opening prayer with the council members.

II. Approval of Agenda

Motion was made to approve the agenda as submitted. Motion was seconded and passed.

III. Approval of Minutes

Motion was made to approve the minutes of the October 19th meeting. Motion was seconded and passed.

IV. Introduction of Cemetery Coordinator

Mike Ritzer was introduced to the council as the St. Wendelin's Cemetery Coordinator. Mike explained to the council that his goal was to have the cemetery layout computerized and when it is complete he will share it with the council. He has received all the records needed to assist potential purchasers with their questions. Question was brought up regarding the cemetery committee membership. Kevin Lommel shared with Mike the names of those individuals who represented the committee. Fr. Ron suggested that the cemetery committee meet annually to discuss the condition of the cemetery, review rules established and other matters relating to the cemetery. The possibility of a mausoleum was discussed in the past and that subject could also be discussed by the committee.

V. Standing Committee Reports

A. School Board

No report given.

B. Faith Formation

No report given.

C. Maintenance

1. Paul Koshiol reported that he is getting estimates for tuckpointing both for the immediate repairs needed and for the long range plan of having the entire building done.
2. A light fixture has been generously donated for the entry area and will be mounted this Sunday. Keith reported that the entry way has been scraped and painted. The trim work and wainscoting upkeep will be done this spring during warmer weather. The members thanked all those involved with this project for their good work.
3. Paul shared with the members that the snowplowing contract has been rewritten to change two inches to one inch and that the contract includes the areas by the rectory, the back of school, the front of school and the walkway from the school to church.

VI. Old Business

A. Review of Financial Reports

The council reviewed and discussed the financial reports including the highlights, the profit/loss report and the balance sheet. Gary will follow up with the council on the figures submitted for the September 10th breakfast expense/income and the restricted funds. Motion was made to approve the financial reports with Gary's verification of several items noted above. Motion was seconded and passed. Gary announced that this would be his last meeting with the council. The members thanked Gary for his hard work on the Finance Committee.

B. Parish Council By-Laws

Tabled to the next meeting.

VII. New Business

A. Emergency Plans for Church

Discussion followed regarding an emergency plan for the church and the possibility of setting up a meeting with the ushers on what to do in the event of an emergency of any nature. Char will check with several different agencies as to what they have already in place and bring these ideas back to the council.

B. Report on Diocesan Planning Meeting

It was reported that the purpose of the diocesan meeting was to give ideas for the future as it relates to our parishes and the projected lack in number of priests. A group of priests met and compiled a report to be distributed for the deanery meeting participants. Every deanery in the St. Cloud Diocese is meeting regarding this matter and all ideas will be given to a task force for their review. A timeline to have a plan in place is the year 2019.

VIII. Closing Prayer

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm with a closing prayer led by Paul. The next meeting date and place has yet to be determined.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen DesAutels
Recording Secretary