

## **Minutes of the St. Wendelin's Parish Council Meeting**

**January 25<sup>th</sup> 2018, 8:05 pm**

**St. Wendelin's Mary Hall**

**Members Present** - Charlie Dombrowski, Dan Greenwald, Keith Koltes, Kevin Lommel, Char Volkmuth, Paul Koshiol, Joe Watrin, Father Ron Weyrens.

**Guests Present** – Todd Hurrle

**Members Absent** - none

1. **Opening Prayer** – Father Ron led us in prayer before the Parish meeting.
2. **Approval of agenda** – Motion was made to approve the agenda as submitted. Motion was seconded and passed.
3. **Approval of Minutes** – Motion was made and seconded to approve the Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> minutes. Carried.

#### **4. Standing Committee Reports-None**

a. **Review of Financial Reports** – Father Ron Distributed Balance sheets as of Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>. Father also suggested we look mostly at the overview at our meetings. A question came up about the restricted funds entry on the balance sheet which Todd will look into. Paul explained how the Deposit and Loan pool works.

b. **Youth Comments** – Hannah Molitor asked the youth at the faith formation class of our cluster for comments on things they would like to see or do to involve them and make their parish life more meaningful. Hannah sent a list of these comments to the parish council to look over. The Council appreciated receiving them. All agreed that we should do something for our youth to keep them involved, as they are our future. Char will follow up with Hannah and also share the comments with our youth leaders.

#### **5. Old Business**

- a. Char and Keith went over the Parish Council By-laws and found several areas that need updating. Char will retype them so they will better reflect how things are run currently. They will seek Father's advice on a few questions after which the By-Laws will be brought to the Council at their March meeting.

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## 7. New Business

a. **Roland Geiger Visit** – Roland is the man from Germany who has extensive knowledge about our patron, St. Wendelin. Following discussion, it was decided not to sponsor a visit at this time.

b. **Tuckpointing of the church** – Paul contacted Kostreba Tuckpointing. To repair cracks greater than the width of a nickel mainly on the columns / remove residue and caulking by old chimney, and black mildew near the ground would run us about \$19,400.

**New Furnace for Mary Hall** – Paul reported this is about \$10,500.

**Repair Cooler in Mary Hall** – Paul reported this would run about \$1,200.

Motion was made and 2<sup>nd</sup> to go ahead with these projects because they need to get done. Funds would be available from a recent estate donation to help cover the expenses. In April we will have a **Maintenance Fund Drive** for anyone who might want to donate toward these repairs. A note will be in the bulletin the first two weeks in April.

c. **Diocesan Planning** – An open parish meeting was held immediately before the parish council meeting to discuss options on how to deal with the priest shortage in our diocese, what makes good parish life, what is special about our parish, what some options are, etc. Comments from the evening's discussion will be shared with the diocesan task force working with this issue.

## 8. Closing Prayer

Meeting was adjourned at 8:56.

The next meeting will be on March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm at St. Wendelin's Library

Respectfully submitted,

Keith Koltes

Parish Council Secretary