

**Minutes of the
St. Wendelin's Parish Council Meeting
February 21, 2019, 7:30 pm
Holy Cross School**

Members Present: Tracy Dombrowski, Dan Greenwald, Keith Koltes, Char Volkmuth, Joe Watrin, Fr. Ron Weyrens

Members Absent: Kevin Lommel (excused), Paul Koshiol (excused)

Guest Present: Todd Hurrle, Jeanne Lommel

I. Opening Prayer

Char Volkmuth led the opening prayer with the council.

II. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was amended to include Parish Council Elections, Bulletin Quantity and Missalettes. Motion was made to approve the amended agenda. Motion was seconded and passed.

III. Approval of Minutes

Motion was made to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2018 meeting. Motion was seconded and passed.

IV. Standing Committee Reports

A. School

Fr. Ron gave the school report. The Montessori approach is moving forward. Next year Pre-School through Grade 3 will be Montessori style teaching. Grade 6 will be dropped from the 2019-2020 school year due to sixth grade being offered at Cathedral. The enrollment status for next year will be better calculated after the February Open House. A school fundraiser, Denim and Diamonds, will be held on March 30th at Mary Hall. Char told the members that the group that met last year at this time to assist the school in whatever way possible and to set some long range goals will again be meeting soon to discuss the progress the school has made.

B. Finances

Jeanne Lommel presented to the council the Parish Financial Summary dated December 31, 2018. Collections are holding steady and an increase has been noted in the loose monies received. Todd Hurrle shared that the Finance Council and the school's Site Advisory Council will be building together a school budget for next year. Discussion followed with Jeanne stating she will get back to the council regarding several items. Motion was made to approve the Financial Summary submitted. Motion was seconded and passed.

C. Faith Formation

Fr. Ron shared that the tri-parish First Reconciliation will take place on January 26th and First Communion will take place the weekend of April 27-28th. Many good comments have been received on Tracy's leadership role.

D. Maintenance

A Maintenance Committee has been established including Steve Brang, Dan DesAutels, Charlie Dombrowski, Kevin Kieke, Keith Koltes, Paul Koshiol and Kevin Lommel. Char will be putting the names of the committee in the bulletin noting that Keith Koltes will be the lead member for this committee. Keith distributed to the council a full page of items that have been identified as needing attention. He also reported on the work that has already been done including snow removal of certain entrances, furnace filters replaced, leaky bathroom faucets repaired, detailed kitchen cleaning and securing an estimate on the front glass doors of the church. Char asked about the cracks appearing on the interior of the church. The council thanked the members of the Maintenance Committee for volunteering and for the good job they have done so far.

V. Old Business

A. Digital Sign

Tracy Dombrowski informed the members that Kevin Kieke will be looking into the possibility of a digital sign. He will be reporting back to the council as to his findings. Motion was made to table this item until Kevin gives his report to the council. Motion was seconded and passed.

B. Snow Removal

Keith reported that the snow removal will be billed on an hourly basis. Several parishioners have been making sure that the sidewalks and the church entrance have been cleared of snow.

C. Diocesan Planning

Fr. Ron reiterated what was published in the bulletin. The current plan is to cluster, St. Augusta, Luxemburg, Pearl Lake, St. Nicholas and Kimball. As was stated in the bulletin, Fr. Ron is in need of two people to represent Luxemburg on a committee to discuss transition issues.

VI. New Business

A. Parish Council Elections

Char explained to the council the ending of two members' terms this year. Char and Kevin Lommel will be completing their terms and elections for two new members will be taking place this spring (early May). Char and Kevin will be responsible for handling the election proceedings.

B. Bulletin and Missalettes

Tracy asked the members if the number of bulletins should be reviewed due to the fact that there are so many bulletins left after the Sunday Mass. Discussion followed. Tracy also brought up the need for the missalettes. The matter was discussed noting that the weekday Mass readings are already located in the book, "The Word Among Us," and that we do not use the missalette as a hymnal. Char suggested that council members contact parishioners to get their opinions and that she will contact the musicians to get their insight.

VII. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on May 16, 2019.

VIII. Closing Prayer

Fr. Ron closed the meeting praying with the members. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen DesAutels
Recording Secretary