

Parish Council Meeting January 15, 2019

Attendance – Byron Albers, Fr Frankline, Heath Heggeman, Linda Kitzmiller, Bob Winner, Pat Butler, Ken Thieman, Carol Hueker, Lisa Albers, Therese Brown, Deb Knapke, Michael Stoepler, Bob Lammers, Alex Clune, Kathy Dues

Mission Commission report – Carol Hueker

December – Angel program was a great success and baskets for the elderly >90 was successful

January – soup/lunch committee mtg scheduled and will determine next speaker

Finance Committee report – Pat Butler

Reviewed balance sheet and investments, along with operational revenues

Budget for this fiscal year was set and approved in September.

Religious Education committee – Therese Brown

Follow up from a request in November's parish council meeting was the religious education program vs number of Minster local students. 79% of the students eligible are enrolled in the religious education program (658 students out of 836 students). Aspects that affect this enrollment is open enrollment students.

K thru 8th grade – 83% of students are enrolled, Junior class – 55.5%, Senior class – 54%

Crisis plan during mass on Wednesday morning. Did follow up with archdiocese and they do not require parish to have plan. A plan needed to be looked at for anytime the church is being used not just for Wednesday morning mass

47 First Communicants this year

ACER test starts the week of 1/14/2019 for 5th and 9th grade. Two class periods are needed to complete the test. The test is religious education comprehension. 2018 results – 5th grade average score 62.1% which was higher than the national average of 58.3%.

Working on vacation bible schools

Developing program for new catechists to provide the knowledge to allow effective education program.

Building and Maintenance – no report

overall need to finish remodeling of rectory and going well at this point.

Therese Brown has found some issues in the parish center.

Some parish council members questioned the plan for the landscaping and if trees will be replanted to replace what were taken down. Heath will follow up with committee

Cemetery Committee – Bob Lammers and Lisa Albers

Plan for concrete forms continues

Getting quotes on improving the priest burial area

A new lawnmower was purchased and the end of 2018

With the increase of cremations, cemetery committee is looking into a columbarium. Reaching out to Piqua for cost

Heath as if they can bring pictures of other cemeteries in the area with columbariums. Committee to follow up at the next meeting

A letter was received from Minster Historical Society requesting cemetery committee to take the responsibility for the upkeep of the Steinneman chapel along with Antoine Gore Monument. The original monument is in the historical museum and in the cemetery is a replica.

It was requested that the cemetery committee to make a proposal to the parish council for future direction and the finance committee to retrieve past expenses of either so the cost will be understood.

Need to get the historical society past and future expense plan

CIC Committee – Bob Winner

Met for the first time in December and working parish council constitution.

Future meetings will be 1st Tuesday of the month

Organ refurbish Committee – Linda Kitzmiller

Set first meeting in January with the following agenda

1. Review 3 quotes and determine if anymore is needed
2. Obtain an independent assessment of needs of refurbishment - a request was sent to the music director at the archdiocese
3. Will identify spokesperson to the parish
4. Identify funds already available and what will be needed and methods for obtaining funds
5. Identify if any other associated projects that may be needed with this refurbishment (ex: screen removal may require framing of the pipes)

Fr Frankline – would like to get an image of when information can be shared with the parish

Alex Clune – youth ministry

CYSC speaker is scheduled for February 24th

Focusing on vocation with the youth and how to get kids and parents to support this together for success in getting more kids to take a vocational path