

St. Joseph the Worker Cluster
Holy Name Finance Council
Meeting Minutes-August 10, 2023
West Union, IA 7:00 pm

Present: Fr. Ralph Davis, Craig Schmitt, Jamie Hoey, Jane Marshall, Don Baumler, Mike Heins, Scott O'Hare, Bridget Koester, Maureen Johnson, & Margaret Carroll

Father Davis opened the meeting with prayer at 7pm

Agenda Approval: Jamie motioned to approve; seconded by Jane; Carried.

Minutes Approval: Don motioned to approve; seconded by Jamie; Carried.

Election of Officers:

Jane motioned to elect Craig Schmitt, Chairman and Don Baumler, Vice-Chairman; seconded by Jamie; Carried.

Jamie motioned to recommend appointment of Scott O'Hare to Building & Grounds committee; seconded by Jane; Carried. Fr. Davis approved the recommendation.

Craig motioned to appoint Mike Heins as Finance Officer; Jane Marshall and Craig Schmitt as Trustees; Margaret Carroll as Secretary; seconded by Jamie; Carried.

Business Manager Report: Maureen provided Holy Name current financials and reviewed the final reports for FY 2023. She explained in depth the financial relationship between the Cluster and Holy Name. Craig motioned to approve the financial reports; seconded by Jamie; Carried.

Building & Grounds Report: Don provided a draft letter to be included in the annual newsletter. Don will provide of list of contributors to the beautification project to be included along with a picture proposing the planned paint scheme for the Church. Maureen and Jamie will edit the letter. Don reported on the updated cost estimate for the painting project - \$113k. With approximately \$93K already donated, Don is confident we will raise enough for the painting and possibly have funding left over for new carpet, tuckpointing and sealing the church brick exterior.

The continued bat nuisance in the parish center was discussed. Craig will reach out to the "Bat Man" from Elkader to review the building and give a proposal.

Other Projects: Attic Insulation will be completed; Sewer Line; and Barb Heins would like to paint the storage room in the parish center.

Insurance Inspection: The insurance company has forwarded forms to be completed for the required self-inspection. Building & Grounds committee will handle this.

Parish Reports: Parish Life Report: Jane reviewed the activities of the Catholic Daughters and Knights of Columbus. The Rosary Society has not met recently. It is still uncertain if the Catholic Daughters Court will be disbanding.

Fundraisers: The Raffle in the Spring was a success and it was agreed to continue it this year. Donna Baumler is committed to the Election Day Supper. Soup Suppers and a French Toast Breakfast were discussed and tabled since beginning in January, Mass will be held in the Parish Center while the church interior is being painted.

Other Business:

- The Vitality Goal Father will share with the Diocese is the Beautification Project and Building Up-Keep.
- Jamie proposed and discussed naming Pam Rochford as the site coordinator at payrate of \$40/class. Don motioned to approve; seconded by Jamie; Carried.
- Unanimously decided rental of Tables and Chairs will not be allowed. To use them, one must rent the hall.

Cluster Council Reports:

- Pastoral Council Report: They elected officers and discussed and assigned committee roles.
- Faith Formation Report: Jamie reviewed the changes for next year. Kindergarten-4th grade will have Faith Formation classes every Wednesday afternoon at HN. IC will have Faith Formation Classes every 2nd and 4th Wednesday evening, HN will have Faith Formation Classes every 1st and 3rd Wednesday evening. HN evening classes will include 5th grade-12th grade; SFA (Fayette) will home school.

Cluster Council Reports:

- Liturgy Committee Report: The Rosary Rally will be held at HN in October and next Tuesday, August 15th is a Holy Day.
- Social Justice Committee: The Cluster Mary's Inn Collection generated \$1,350. Also, the Kleenex challenge is underway.

Father Davis led us in a closing prayer for adjournment.

Next Meeting: November 14, 2023 7:00pm @ Holy Name Parish Center