

Minutes of the Joint Finance & Pastoral Council Meetings for the St. Anthony, St. Ann & Sacred Heart Cluster Parishes
Thursday, August 10, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.
St. Anthony Parish Center

Members Present: Mary Freitag (SNP), Bob Boehm (SNF), Rich Rydberg (SNF), Craig Hohlfield (SAP), Carol Wozniak (SAF), Tim Sollman (SAF), Paula Helstern (SAF), Teresa Nordell (SAF), Andrea Olson (SHP), and Anita Tomczik (SHP), Mike Stoeberl (SHF) and Tom Moch (SHF).

Members Absent: Mary DeFoe (SNP), Ryan Schug (SNF), and Bill Madison (SAP).

- I. Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Dcn. Steve Linton.
- II. Opening Prayer: Deacon Steve led the council in prayer.
- III. The committees reviewed the balance sheets for their respective parishes, reflecting balances as of August 10, 2023. There were no questions or discussions about the balance sheets.
- IV. Proposed 2023/2024 Fiscal Year budget proposals

Deacon Steve reviewed the proposed budgets for the 2023/2024 Fiscal Budget year with each parish finance and pastoral council representatives present. Deacon Steve advised there were no pay raises included in this year's budget and no new items were added. Slight adjustments were made to reflect expected increases in property and health insurance.

- a.) The St. Anthony proposed budget reflects an expected income of \$246,200 with estimated expenditures of \$223,147 resulting in an anticipated profit of \$23,053.

Motion by Bob Boehm, second by Rich Rydberg, to approve the budget as proposed. All St. Anthony members present voted Aye. Motion passed unanimously.

- b.) The St. Ann proposed budget reflects an expected income of \$138,300 with estimated expenditures of \$133,419 resulting in an anticipated profit of \$4,881.

Motion by Tim Sollman, second by Teresa Nordquist, to approve the budget as proposed. All St. Ann members present voted Aye. Motion passed unanimously.

- c.) The Sacred Heart proposed budget reflects an expected income of \$108,750 with estimated expenditures of \$89,981 resulting in an anticipated profit of \$18,769.

Motion by Mike Stoeberl, second by Anita Tomczik, to approve the budget as proposed. All Sacred Heart members present voted Aye. Motion passed unanimously.

V. Review and approve cemetery rates for all cemeteries within the cluster:

Deacon Steve advised both the Cumberland and Turtle Lake parishes have already discussed the action, but Sacred Heart has not been able to meet on the topic yet. Therefore, Deacon Steve advised it is our wish to establish a standard cemetery plot rate that would be the same in all seven cemeteries within our cluster. The new rate as agreed on previously by both St. Anthony and St. Ann's is \$525.00 per plot. The new rate is to become effective October 1, 2023. There is to be no distinction between member and non-member. The change will be published in the bulletin weekly until it takes effect.

Motion made by Mike Stoeberl, second by Andrea Olson, to enact the new standard rate of \$525.00 per plot effective October 1, 2023. Motion called and approved unanimously.

VI. Review and approve new council/committee meeting schedule.

Deacon Steve presented a new meeting schedule for cluster parish council and committee meetings. Meetings will be held on the first Thursday of the month with the Finance Committee meeting at 6pm and the Pastoral Committee meeting at 7pm. Meetings will be held at their respective parish. St. Anthony will meet in April, July, and October. St. Ann will meet in May, August, and November. Sacred Heart will meet in June, September, and December. There will be no scheduled meetings during the months of Jan, February, and March. Special meetings can be scheduled as needed.

VII. New business:

- 1.) Fr. Kanna would like a housekeeper. It was agreed among the group that the parishes could share the cost of having someone come in and clean for a period as determined to be necessary. Mary Freitag provided the name and contact number for someone to reach out to.
- 2.) Fr. Kanna has requested a chest freezer for the rectory. Teresa Nordquist advised she has one that is not being used if someone can pick it up and deliver it.
- 3.) Deacon Steve advised that a St. Anthony parishioner is inquiring about buying or renting the property formerly used by the Cumberland Soccer Association. The action will be discussed at a later meeting.

VIII. Committee Reports

1.) Health Ministry –

The Healthy Eating/Weight Loss program was a success, and the group is considering doing another one this fall.

Roberta Braml will be presenting the “Stepping On – Fall Prevention class in Almena beginning August 24th. The program will run for six weeks with two-hour sessions. It is open to the community.

The Health Ministry is looking to do another “End of Life” program early next year.

Family and friends CPR will be offered again soon. 12 – 18 months is the target timeframe between offerings.

- IX. Motion to adjourn made by Bob Boehm, second by Mary Freitag. Motion was called and passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Dcn. Steve Linton

Parish Life Coordinator