

St. Ambrose Parish Council Meeting

November 6, 2024 7 PM

Present; Jim Cousino, Paul Rahn, Dave Rutten, Janet Ouellette-Westra, Marilyn Thornburg, Bronwen Grody, Father Albert Kemboi, Msgr. Michael Hazard, Mary Hentschl-Early, Judie Malisewski.

Absent: Greg Adamczyk

Guest: Sarah Orr

Opening Prayer – All

Minutes from the September, 2024 meeting were approved by consensus after a minor change to correct the yield from Rosie's garden listed as 160 pounds when it was actually 1600 pounds.

Rosie's Garden: Paul Rahn reported that the total yield from the garden this year was 2400 pounds.

Finance Committee: Bronwen Grody reported for the first quarter the parish is \$2700 in the black. Sunday collections have been up over the last year. The funds available have decreased because of paying for improvements to the church,

Religious Education: Sarah Orr reported there are currently 32 kids in the program. They are teaching a program based on the weekly Gospel and she states it is going very well. The new curriculum reinforces messages from the Sunday readings at levels tailored to each grade.

Parish Attendance: Paul Rahn presented a graph showing the number of people attending weekly Mass over the past years and also the number of people using the live streaming of Mass.

Advent and Christmas schedule: The schedule has been sent to all parishioners and will be in the bulletin.

Council members decided to feature Parish Council Minutes on the web page.

Letters have been sent to all parishioners for the dinner to celebrate the feast day of St. Ambrose and the 10th anniversary of Father Albert's ordination.

Mary Garden: 300 bricks will be installed at the Mary Garden and everyone is welcome to purchase one for \$100 and have it engraved with the name of a loved one.

The activity center will be named St. Ambrose Parish Activity Center. An anonymous donor is donating the supplies to put landscaping around the whole building,

Father Albert will be taking a trip to our sister parish in Guatemala to become familiar with the parish and their needs.

Bronwen Grody requested that names of the liturgical team be listed in the bulletin for each month,

Closing Prayer: Msgr. Mike Hazard

Meeting adjourned at 8:50PM

Next meeting is January 7, 2025