

## **St. Wenceslaus Parish Council**

October 11, 2022

The regular meeting of the St. Wenceslaus Parish Council was held on Tuesday, October 11, 2022, at St. Teresa of Calcutta School in Spillville. Chairman Alan Hauber called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Fr. Huber opened the meeting with prayer. Roll call showed the following members present: Alan Hauber, Bernie Puffer, Paul Frana, Tom Novak and Debbie Ohrt. Nine guests were present to share their opinions in regard to Christmas Eve midnight Mass.

After the guests were excused and upon review, the Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved on a motion by Bernie, seconded by Deb.

Upon review, the parish financial report was approved on a motion by Bernie, seconded by Paul. It was also noted that at the August 9<sup>th</sup> meeting of all councils, approval was given to the 2021/22 fiscal year financial report and council roles were approved.

The Council then reviewed action items addressed at their September work session:

- Work on the driveway by the gym has been completed
- Church parking lot – bids are pending for surface improvements
- Four ornaments on top of the church clock will be replaced at the time the roof is redone
- A window to the school boiler room is broken and will be repaired this week
- Prices will be sought for replacement of the picket fence by the rectory
- Delivery of new church kneelers is anticipated in the next few weeks. The old kneelers will be made available for parishioners to take. The pews will be respaced when installation of the new kneelers takes place. Any pews removed will be made available for sale
- Outdoor church lighting is in need of repair possibly due to bad photo cells and/or other issues. Costs were estimated at \$1,000 for repair. It was moved by Bernie and seconded by Debbie to make necessary lighting repairs this fall.
- The church roof will be in need of replacement. Further discussion was tabled at this time.
- Improvement to the sidewalk by the outdoor restrooms was discussed for drainage and wheelchair accessibility. It was suggested this work be tied in with the addition of new sidewalk to the southeast church entry door
- New playground equipment is now being shipped
- It was noted that the outdoor chapels need some repair/improvement before Corpus Christi next year
- The tradition of hanging pictures of parish priests will continue along the school wall and plaques will be maintained in both the school and the church.
- Concerns with peeling plaster on the school chimney were discussed
- Discussion was raised about possible tuckpointing of the west side of the rectory
- Installation of air conditioning in six rooms of the school was suggested. The cost for mini splits was estimated at \$21,000. Other school maintenance/repair concerns include the boiler and heating system, as well as installation of new freezers for the food program.
- A suggestion was made to offer an open house at the old convent building one or two times per year
- Concerns were raised about the electric power lines from the street to the rectory. A local tree trimming business will be contacted.

Fr. Huber consulted with Council members in regard to establishing a time for the Christmas Eve Mass. Suggested times for Christmas Eve were 5 pm Ossian, 7 pm Festina, and 9 pm Spillville, with Christmas Day Mass in Calmar at 9 am. Guests had spoken earlier in support of the midnight time. After collaboration, Fr. Huber agreed to offer midnight Mass on Christmas Eve this year.

There being no further business, it was moved by Paul and seconded by Fr. Huber that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting closed at 8:26 with prayer. The Council will hold another work session during the month of November and the next regular Parish Council meeting was set for Tuesday, December 20, at 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Paul Frana, Secretary