

## **St. Wenceslaus Parish Council**

February 14, 2023

The regular meeting of the St. Wenceslaus Parish Council was held on Tuesday, February 14, 2023, at St. Teresa of Calcutta School in Spillville. Chairman Alan Hauber called the meeting to order. Roll call showed the following members present: Alan Hauber, Bernie Puffer, Tom Novak, Debbie Ohrt, Paul Frana. Guests present were Helen Pinter, Ken Zajicek, and Russ Lensing. Fr. Huber opened the meeting with prayer.

Upon review, the Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved on a motion by Tom, seconded by Bernie.

- Helen Pinter gave an overview of The Depot Outlet and funding opportunities. An application for grant funding will be applied for by the Guild or Holy Name Society.
- Ken Zajicek presented information on upcoming concerts offered by the Czech Heritage Foundation.
- Russ Lensing shared with the Council a print of St. Wenceslaus Church, possibly to be offered at the Gala.

Pastors Report: Fr Huber again expressed concern about the number of parishioners attending mass. He brought to the Council's attention a Parish Vitality Goal sheet provided by the Archdiocese that the Parish Council will use to consider ways to improve parish spiritual vitality.

Helen spoke of brochures about the windows and statues in the church to be made available.

Financial Report: It was suggested that some of the parish/Guild/Holy Name funds be moved into CDs with a better interest rate. Alan spoke about small projects under consideration that will require funding. On a motion by Paul, seconded by Bernie, the financial report was approved.

The Council then discussed the status of various parish plant improvements and upkeep under consideration:

- Bernie presented a broad estimate of the cost to replace the church roof, which ranges from \$100,000 to \$200,000.
- Discussion was had regarding the status of the school boiler, the possibility of adding air conditioning, and the removal of the school chimney.
- Alan introduced information from Chris Reicks on landscaping around the rectory and church. Drawings are needed for further consideration.
- Bernie reported that the new kneelers are being assembled at this time, waiting on hardware. They are anticipated to arrive on or around February 27.
- It was suggested that a priority list of improvement projects needs to be developed.

There being no further business, it was moved by Bernie and seconded by Paul that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting closed at 8:05 p.m. with prayer. The next regular Parish Council meeting was set for Tuesday, May 9, at 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Paul Frana, Secretary