

Members present: Marian Milender, Shirley Van Dee, Mike Adrian, JoAnn Zager, Amy Webber, Paul Fritz, Denise Clarahan, Curt Mottet and Ann Swanson

Guests present: Carol Robison and Steve Pacha

All participated in the open prayer.

The meeting was called to order by Marian Milender at 7:03 p.m. at St. Joseph Church, East Pleasant Plain.

Denise Clarahan read the minutes from the January 8, 2013 meeting. Corrections to misspellings were made to the minutes. Paul Fritz made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected and Denise Clarahan seconded the motion.

Committee Reports were given:

**Christian Service/Social Action:** Mike Adrian reported that he and his mom, Bonnie Adrian, delivered food to the food pantry this month. Carol Robison reported that she had made the delivery to the food pantry last month. Thanks to those helping with this effort.

**Family Life:** No Report.

**Liturgy:** No Report

**Maintenance:** Paul Fritz talked with Dan Mottet about the missing sign church sign on the Pleasant Plain Road. Both men looked for replacement signs, but were unable to locate any. Paul suggested that we purchase a new sign. Different companies were suggested to look into getting a sign. Mike Adrian and Shirley Van Dee are going to ask Tom Hoesktra, from Richland, if he could make a sign or order one for the church.

The light by the south door at St. Joseph's is not working. Curt Mottet will check into it.

Snow Removal at Mother Cabrini was discussed. Curt Mottet and some of his co-workers have been taking care of this, along with Mike & \_\_\_\_ Adrian. Mike did talk with Ralph Hearn and Ralph would take care of the snow removal, but there would be a fee. Curt and Mike both agreed that they would see that snow removal is taken care of for the rest of this winter season.

Curt Mottet will look into putting a screen over the pipe that was plugged on the north side of St. Joseph's.

Shirley Van Dee mentioned the furnaces were not working properly on Sunday. Steve Pacha said when he arrived at the church it was still at 67° and it should have been to the set temperature by that time. Not sure if the furnaces were able to keep up with the extreme cold conditions or if something else was wrong. Curt Mottet will talk with Chuck Ledger about checking on the furnaces.

**Faith Formation:** Carol Robison reported the theme for catechism this month is "love." The youth will be writing letters to older parishioners to express their interest and care for them. Mike Adrian wondered if the youth group would be interested in constructing a float for Richland's Homecoming this summer. The theme is "Our Town Richland, Rich in Heritage and Freedom." Shirley will ask Sandy Sobaski, youth group coordinator, if this is a project they would like to do.

**Church Life:** Paul Fritz reported the website traffic is the same as last month with 12-15 visitors per week.

Paul had previous time and talent sheets to pass out. He asked if there were things that needed to be added or removed from the flyer. Parish council members were able to take a flyer and make adjustments and then get back to Paul with suggestions.

Marian Milender said that the Church Life committee and Faith Formation committee have been working together to for the Lenten project of a spiritual motto. Marian and Carol Robison had met to begin ideas for this church project. Marian expressed that the bulletin would be used to give examples and explain this idea to the parish. The spiritual mottos can be a personal reflection or a family activity. The plan is to have parishioners refocus on spirituality and during lent would be a great time to have a more meaningful relationship with their faith and God.

**Altar Rosary:** The soup supper at Mother Cabrini will be Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> from 4 pm to 7 pm. They will be serving chili, chicken noodle, vegetable beef and dessert.

**Finance:** Mike Adrian spoke on the profit & loss budget sheet that was available to all parish council members. Mike said last month's envelope collection was up and the parish was benefitting from the fall bazaar profit. Mike also stated that winter months are also the biggest expense to the parish. The parish is looking at a short-fall this year without asking for more from members. The finance committee met and decided to send out pledge forms along with the yearly tax giving statements. To this date they had received 13 pledge cards back.

The committee will inform the parish, through the bulletin, as to where we are financially more frequently. The finance committee will be working on collecting information from pledges and from there will work on where the next step would be, if this campaign does not produce profitable results. Amy Webber reported that the finance committee is aware that there might have to be some cutbacks, but didn't feel that the parish was spending money foolishly. Shirley Van Dee said money collected from the capitol campaign and Annual Diocesan Appeal (ADA) is required from the diocese.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

The parish received \$951 from the Diocese for Capital Campaign Payment. All refunds will be received by the end of fiscal year 2015.

Also received was \$160 for overpayment from the ADA. The parish should expect more of these payments as there are still pledges that need paid. When those are received the Diocese will send payment.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Parish Committees: Shirley Van Dee spoke about the various committees and the responsibility as a parish council member on these committees.

Marian Milender read the sheet "Parish Council Purpose." This sheet summarized the parish council's responsibilities as a whole, as well as the responsibilities as an individual member.

Shirley read through and gave examples of the importance of Family Life, Religious Education, and Social Justice and Peace Commission. Members expressed which committees they were interested in.

Stephen Ministry: Shirley told the council that this is an important ministry. Stephen Ministry equips and empowers lay people to provide care to others in our community who are hurting or experiencing loss. If interested in this program, please contact Shirley.

Smart Discipline: Shirley had received an email about having a Smart Discipline workshop. This group is from Ankeny and would conduct a workshop for parents of children aged 3 to 18. The fee would be waved and the only fee would be from book sales. At this time, the council felt we did not have enough families to have a successful workshop, unless we joined with another surrounding parish.

Mike Adrian reported that the parish had received missal covers from St. Mary's Parish in Oskaloosa, Iowa. The Altar Rosary committee installed all of them on Tuesday, February 11. The council wants to thank St. Mary's for their generous gift.

Everyone participated in the closing prayer.

A motion was made by Paul Fritz to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Amy Webber. The time was 8:33 pm.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, March 12, 2014 at 7 p.m. at St. Joseph's.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Swanson