

## **Parish Council Meeting-Unapproved Minutes**

**August 13, 2014**

Members present: Marian Milender, Shirley Van Dee, Curt Mottet, JoAnne Zager, Paul Fritz, Gary Dickey, Mike Adrian, and Amy Webber

Guests present: Steve Pacha

Marian Milender read the opening prayer.

The meeting was called to order by Marian Milender at 7:14 p.m. at the Mother Cabrini Church Hall, Richland, IA.

Gary Dickey read the minutes from the July 9, 2014 meeting. There was a correction made under Committee Reports, Christian Service/Social Action. It was stated that Barb Hood takes the food pantry donations home from church and then Suzie Drish takes them into the food pantry. There was also a correction under Finance. A clarifying statement was made that the only things that were approved were the 2015 budget and the construction work on the rectory porch at Mother Cabrini. It was stated that Marian Milender asked for a motion to approve the budget. Paul Fritz made a motion to approve the budget and Greg Ledger seconded the motion. Discussion about the parking lot at St. Joseph was brought up but a motion was never made to repave it.

### **Committee Reports were given:**

**Christian Service/Social Action:** There was a total of 90 lbs of groceries donated to the Lord's Cupboard in the month of July.

**Family Life:** Gary Dickey mentioned that he and SuAnne wouldn't be able to host the Sunday School Breakfast until the month of October. They have several other commitments that they are managing.

**Liturgy:** No report

**Maintenance:** There are a few light bulbs burnt out in the church that need replaced. There is a fluorescent light in the sacristy that either needs a new ballast or the correct bulbs inserted in the fixture. The bell tower motor is not replaced but is in progress of getting replaced. It was mentioned that the congregation hasn't been complaining about the stuffy air in church. Steve Pacha thinks that keeping the blower fan on during church has been helping circulate the air and making church more comfortable. JoAnne Zager explained that the candelabra let some candle wax drip onto the floor when the candles were blew out. She was upset that the incident happened. JoAnne and her husband scrubbed and scrubbed trying to get the candle wax out of the carpet and made it a lot better but it is still somewhat visible. Adam Ledger, Tristan Ledger, and Curt Mottet cut down two dead trees.

**Faith Formation:** All materials for Sunday school have been purchased for eighth through tenth grades. The students receiving confirmation will be meeting twice a month to prepare on the second and fourth Sundays of the month after mass. The Confirmation date will be set early in the year of 2016.

**Church Life:** The time and talent survey has not been updated yet but there has been a lot of conversation about updating it and the best strategies to achieve that. The church's website views have dropped to around twenty per week.

**Altar Rosary:** Assignments and jobs for bazaar have been sent out to parishioners.

**Finance:** For being the first month for the new fiscal year envelopes and offertory are on track with the new 2015 budget. Expenses were lower than what we budgeted.

### **Old Business:**

Pictures for the new church directory will be Thursday, Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>, Friday Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>, and Saturday Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> at Mother Cabrini Church Hall. A final date is also scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>, Friday, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>, and Saturday, Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> at St. Joseph's church hall. The silent auction of the rectory furnishings at St. Joseph's brought in about \$2273.50. Parishioners and parish council members thought the silent auction went well. Paul Fritz made arrangements and got the St. Joseph's church sign put up on the Pleasant Plain road.

### **New Business:**

Preparation is being done for our annual fall bazaar. It will be held Sunday, Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>. Donations for the raffle will be: overnight stay at the Riverside Casino, two tickets to the ORPHEUM Theatre in Fairfield, \$100 cash donation, and a HyVee gift card of \$150. Mike Adrian, JoAnne Zager, and Curt Mottet will be soliciting local businesses for donations to auction off at the bazaar.

Marian Milender read the closing prayer.

A motion was made by Paul Fritz to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Amy Weber. The time was 8:34.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday September 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at St. Joseph's Church.

Respectfully submitted,

Curt Mottet