

Meeting was called to order by Paul Fritz at 7:05 p.m. at Mother Cabrini Parish Center, Richland, IA.

Members present: Paul Fritz, Adam Ledger, Curt Mottet, Shirley Van Dee, Mike Adrian, Garry Dickey, Amy Webber, Marian Milender and Ann Swanson.

Official prayer of The Diocese of Davenport was recited.

Ann Swanson read the minutes from the September 19, 2012 meeting. Garry Dickey moved to approve the minutes and Curt Mottet seconded the motion. Minutes approved unanimously.

Committee Reports were given:

**Christian Service/Social Action** - Potato distribution will be the day after Thanksgiving. Steve Greiner will again head up this activity. Paul Fritz also agreed to help with this project.

**Family Life:** Garry Dickey reported that the committee is looking into a marriage enrichment program to be held around Valentine's Day.

**Liturgy:** Marian Milender reported that a few new people have joined the choir but they are always looking for more people to join. The choir will be asking members of the church for song suggestions for Advent and Christmas.

**Maintenance:** Adam Ledger reported that Dan Schlicher will be doing some work so the water in the St. Joseph's rectory can be shut off. Water lines will need to be looked into. It was recommended that the thermostat be set at 45 degrees through the winter months at the rectory in East Pleasant Plain. Adam will look into putting thermometers around the house to make sure the temperature doesn't fall below freezing. The concern is that black mold can show up if an above freezing temperature is not maintained, along with other problems that can arise. On Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, Steve Roberts and Carl Cavner will be looking into taking a lift into St. Joseph's church to inspect the hole in the ceiling. They hope to repair the hole and find out what is making it.

The sump pump at St. Joseph's was not repairable. Adam purchased a new one for \$189.00 at Kelly Supply and has it up and going.

Curt Mottet will look into getting the snow blower at St. Joseph's ready for the winter. Curt will also take care of clearing the steps and sidewalks at Mother Cabrini and the rectory. Steve Burgmeier will be asked if he is still interested in clearing the sidewalks and drive and St. Joseph's. Adam Ledger reported that the grass seeding will have to wait until spring at St. Joseph's. The company that put in the new sewer system in East Pleasant Plain will supply the grass seed and fertilizer. It was also reported that Brandon Buch did a nice job with the lawn care at St. Joseph's. Paul Fritz made a motion to extend the contract for one year for Brandon Buch's lawn service. Marian Milender seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Faith Formation:** Shirley reported that Carol Robison believed the religious education format is going well. The first group meeting was being held at St. Joseph's on October 17<sup>th</sup>. Also religious education for high school students was taking place for the first time at Kenny and Sandy Sobaski's at the same time. It was reported about 15 high school youth were in attendance.

**Church Life:** Paul Fritz reported that the new website for the parish is up and going (ssjosephandcabiniparish.weconnect.com). Paul is looking at linking different sites for reference to things happening in our diocese and the Catholic Church in general. If any parishioners have articles or suggestions for the website, please contact Paul at: [paul\\_fritz@hotmail.com](mailto:paul_fritz@hotmail.com). Shirley is looking for a parish photographer. Please let her know if you are interested.

**Altar Rosary:** The update from the apple booth, country store and dinner was a profit of \$4,839.41.

**Finance:** Amy Webber reported that the budget seems to be on-line with what was forecasted and will maybe a little more from the Bazaar. Shirley did inform the council that priest expenses will go up to \$50.00 a service in the coming year.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Year of Faith: Parish involvement is being encouraged for all members to take part in some activity this year. Shirley will continue to enclose flyers with parish bulletins, promote the adult education and bible series. Shirley reported she had 6 people signed up to attend the adult faith formation on Tuesday mornings. Marian Milender will have adult faith formation on Thursday nights at 7 pm in her home. She has 2 signed up. Sundays adult faith formation will be held after church conducted by Tim and Jean Hart.

Rectory at East Pleasant Plain: Winterization of the rectory will go on as scheduled. The parish was given a chance to present ideas as to what to do with the rectory. 6 general ideas were presented: Leave as is, rent it out, move it to different ground to sell, tear it down, sell it and the land that it is on, and sell it to highest bidder to be moved by purchaser. The council felt that the parish could let the ideas set in for the next few months and revisit it within 6 months time.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Parish council elections will be taking place in the coming months. There are three spots up for election; Paul Fritz, Adam Ledger and Lisa Seitz. Curt Mottet and Marian Milander have volunteered to head up the nominating committee.

**\*\***(At this time of the meeting, excitement broke out as a bat was flying around our heads and overtook our attention for a short time. Adam, Curt, Mike and Garry did their best to free him from the confines of the parish hall. It was noted that Garry has quite a swing, but missed. Eventually the bat was released into the wild.)**\*\***

Brandon Buch will be asked to spray the lawn at East Pleasant Plain for \$245, which will be done in the spring.

Shirley reported that the Annual Diocesan Appeal pledge at the time was \$6,895 and the goal is \$16,676. An update on our pledges will be put in the bulletin so the parish can be informed as to where our church stands with pledges.

A mass count is done every year in November for two weekends. This will be held on November 3-4 and November 10-11.

Offertory Enhancement Program was presented. Amy Webber explained that the program is to increase giving for parishes through stewardship based programs. Parishes hire a firm that assists them to increase household giving and thus increase revenue to the parish. Amy stated that our parish has maintained excellent financial support for the last couple of years and at this time the program is not needed.

**Other Business:**

Reminder: All Saints Day is November 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mass will be held on November 21<sup>st</sup>, Thanksgiving Eve to celebrate the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Everyone participated in the closing prayer for the Year of Faith- Official prayer of The Diocese of Davenport

A motion was made by Marian Milender to move Parish Council meetings to the second Wednesday of the month. Amy Webber seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Adam Ledger to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Garry Dickey.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, November 14 at 7 p.m. at St. Joseph's.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Swanson