

Members present: Cindy Adam, Mike Adrian, Denise Clarahan, Garry Dickey, Adam Ledger, Marian Milender, Curt Mottet, Lisa Seitz, Shirley Van Dee and Amy Webber.

Guests present: Rosemary Pacha, Steve Pacha and Carol Robison.

President Paul Fritz called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. at St. Joseph Parish Hall EPP.

Shirley Van Dee led the prayer Year of Faith.

Garry Dickey read the minutes of the October 17, 2012 meeting. Corrections were made to the minutes that were read as follows: the potato distribution is Saturday the 17th before Thanksgiving and Amy Webber's report on the Offertory Enhancement Program should have said we don't think the program is needed at this time but we need to opt out of it. Adam Ledger made the motion to approve the minutes as corrected and Amy Webber seconded the motion. The corrected minutes were approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Christian Service/Social Action—a letter was received from the Pekin Ministerial Association regarding the 60 families they plan to serve for the food bank and helps with heating costs. \$300 has been given in the past and \$300 has been given to Brighton. The Potato Drive will be held Saturday and then distributed to the senior housing centers in Packwood/Brighton/Richland/Hedrick. December 10th will be the Blood Drive and Mother Cabrini Hall.

Family Life—no report

Liturgy—6:30 p.m. will be the Thanksgiving mass on Wednesday evening at Mother Cabrini Richland; Practice for Christmas masses will begin after Thanksgiving on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. It was indicated that the song and the mass number needs to be on the board in church. Mass of Joyful Heart will be followed. There were a couple of selections indicated by parishioners for Christmas mass. There will be a reflection piece after communion done during Advent. Always recruiting new members.

Maintenance—the house has been winterized, there is a bill for approx. \$100 to Dan Schlicher, there has been antifreeze placed in toilets/sinks, Steve Burgmeier will be contacted to see if he wants to take care of snow removal again this year. Curt Mottet will work on the snowblower. Paul Fritz did start the lawnmower but it did need to be jumped so it will eventually need a new battery and should be maintenance since it hasn't for a few years. The Angel can be placed at the entrance of St. Josephs now.

Faith Formation—Carol Robison reported that the second set of religious education materials has been distributed and they will be meeting the later part of the month. There could possibly be 4 children for First Communion this year. \$130.00 in books has been ordered for reconciliation/Eucharist. There will be 8 sessions and 1 prep session. First Communion will occur May 5th 2013 and reconciliation February 3rd 2013. Mass attendance will be considered for these candidates.

Church Life—Nothing new. The bulletin is updated each week on the website and there are 10 new visitors a week. Still encouraging members to submit items for the web page.

Altar Rosary—Christmas Party this year will be a brunch after mass December 2nd. There is a signup sheet so there will be casseroles, fruit and rolls. The new list will be available to members in January for the monthly committees.

Finance—Income July-October was \$60,190.23 and YTD budget is \$39,466.56 largely due to the bazaar. Income was a little lower in October but that maybe due to ADA is going on at the same time.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Rectory at East Pleasant Plain was discussed. Dewayne Miller has looked at the house in length and taken a lot of measurements. He is very interested in the home and would not be looking at moving it until spring but indicated he would restore the garage side that is attached to the home back so that it can be used once the house is removed as he does construction. The family is not living in a house currently and has a special needs child that would gain from the size of the house. Throughout the discussion it appeared the council was not in favor of seeing the house tore down and would much rather see it go to a family that would move it and get use out of it as a home. We will be notifying the parish through the bulletin and at mass that there is interest in the house and give parish members a chance to attend our next parish council meeting to voice any thoughts they may have or give anyone else a chance to step forward that hasn't yet since we do have a serious person interested in the home.

Parish Council Elections will be occurring and Curt Mottet and Marian Milender have been speaking to members for the ballot. They have come up with the following members to run for this election: Paul Fritz, Ed Horras, Adam Ledger, Greg Ledger, Taryn Mottet, Lisa Seitz.

The hole in the ceiling at St. Joseph is still being researched. The lift that Caryl Caver owns cannot be used due to the weight of it and the support in the floor. So this is still being worked on to resolve whatever is causing the hole and reaching the distance to the roof to find out more.

NEW BUSINESS

ADA is almost to the goal of \$16,676. 56 families have pledged \$15,435. So \$1,241 is yet to go. Anything that is over our goal will go directly to the parish. Anyone who has not returned their envelope pledging or placing a zero has been contacted by the diocese so it should be returned either way.

Mass count on Nov 3-4 was 165 and on Nov.10-11 was 118.

Brandon Buch's mowing contract has been renewed for next year for the same price as this year which was \$100 a mowing.

There will be two Christmas Eve masses scheduled. Saint Joseph will have the earlier one and Mother Cabrini will have the 7 p.m. mass.

Saturday December 8th will be holy day mass at 8:30 a.m. at Saint Joseph.

We will continue with Santa Claus and candy for the kids.

Decorating for Christmas at Saint Joseph will need to occur December 23rd with everyone's help.

No comments from guests.

Closing prayer was recited by all in attendance.

Marian Milender made the motion to adjourn and Adam Ledger seconded the motion.

Paul Fritz adjourned the meeting

The next meeting will be held Wednesday December 12th at 7 p.m. at Mother Cabrini Richland.