

Members present: Cindy Adam, Garry Dickey, Paul Fritz, Marian Milender, Curt Mottet, Taryn Mottet, Ann Swanson, Shirley VanDee, Amy Webber.

Guests present: Rosemary Pacha, Steve Pacha.

Marian Milender led everyone in the opening prayer.

President Paul Fritz called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. at St. Joseph Church.

The October 9, 2013 Parish Council Meeting was cancelled.

Marian Milender read the minutes of the September 11, 2013 meeting. There were no corrections to the minutes. Amy Webber made a motion to approve the minutes as read and Ann Swanson seconded the motion. Motion carried to approve the minutes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Christian Service/Social Action—Cindy Adam reported that the Blood Drive will be Monday, December 9, 2013 from 2-6:30 p.m. at Mother Cabrini Hall in Richland. Cindy Adam will be taking the food donations to the food pantry this week.

Family Life— Garry Dickey indicated there was no report.

Liturgy— Marian Milender indicated there was no report.

Maintenance—The shower has been installed at Shirley's. Garry Dickey indicated the porch at Shirley's needs to be looked at next spring. He has placed supports underneath it to make it stronger. The snow blowers are ready to go for winter. Curt Mottet will take care of clearing the sidewalks at St. Joseph. Curt will talk with Steve Burgmeier to see if he will again clear the parking lot at St. Joseph. A request will be placed in the bulletin for snow removal at Mother Cabrini. Steve Pacha indicated the furnaces at St. Joseph were not running correctly. Chuck Ledger checked them and a new blower may be needed. Shirley did let Chuck know about the light on the sign not working. The light on the south door is still not functioning properly.

Faith Formation—Shirley indicated the youth rally was well attended. Amy Webber and Sue Slaney attended with the youth. Kenny and Sandy Sobaski are having a great turn out for faith formation. Amy indicated it has been working well to have the 8th grade included with the high school. Shirley reminded everyone when they see Kenny and Sandy to thank them for their time in leading the high school faith formation. Kenny and Sandy feed the group each time and did not want reimbursement for the expense of the food.

Church Life—Paul Fritz reported the visits to the website each week have remained at 8-12 visits. The Time and Talent Survey will be looked at next year. Marian Milender explained an article she sent to Paul Fritz regarding spiritual motto. This is about creating your motto for yourself, your family and your church. Church Life will look at doing this during Lent.

Altar Rosary—Rosemary Pacha reported coffee and rolls donation this month went to the military arch diocese.

Finance—Amy Webber reported the primary source of ordinary income is the envelopes. The offertory still remains low. The bazaar fundraiser has helped since \$20,000 was budgeted and it brought in \$22,000. Expenses are on track. The information regarding “Unleashing Catholic Generosity” was handed out to everyone. Amy spoke about this at the September meeting. Shirley reported that Mike Adrian suggested that coffee & rolls donations this winter go towards fuel costs. One month will continue to go towards Reach and the Pekin Ministerial Association. The parish did save money with the parking lot project since it did not require the entire lot to be redone. Amy reported that regardless of all these things, we will need to consider asking for additional help from the parish members this year.

OLD BUSINESS

Shirley brought up the rectory and if it should be heated this winter. Paul Fritz was not in favor of heating the rectory since it is not living space or meeting space for anyone. Paul Fritz made the motion to not heat the rectory. Amy Webber seconded this motion. The motion carried to not heat the rectory. Paul mentioned that all the antifreeze levels should be checked at the rectory and the water is already shut off. Shirley indicated that we need to be thinking about the furnishings in the rectory. Discussion occurred about ways to offer them to parishioners first and then sell the furnishings. This will be tabled for now and discussion will occur again in February or March 2014. Shirley will be finalizing bazaar figures and will have this on next month's agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

Parish Council Elections need to be completed. Joanne Zager, Greg Ledger and Marian Milender have agreed to place their names on the election ballot. Cindy Adam and Taryn Mottet will not have their names on the ballot. Discussion occurred regarding people to contact to have their name placed on the ballot. Curt Mottet will be calling to possibly get 3 more names to add to the ballot. The candidates for the ballot will be finalized soon so that in another week the names can be placed in the bulletin. Due to coffee and rolls being held on

the holiday weekend - December 1st, it was decided to change coffee and rolls and the Parish Council Election to December 8th.

Thanksgiving mass will be held at St. Joseph, Wednesday, November 27th at 6 p.m.

Christmas Eve mass at Mother Cabrini will be held at 4:30 p.m. and St. Joseph will be 7 p.m. Decorating the church for Christmas will occur December 22nd after mass.

Marian Milender made a motion to have the Holiday Brunch after mass at St. Joseph on January 5, 2014. Paul Fritz seconded the motion. The motion carried to hold the Brunch January 5th.

Paul Fritz did report the mass counts were completed 2 weekends in a row. The count was 116 and 108.

Shirley reported our parish did meet the Bishop's Annual Appeal goal. Anything that is received now will come back to our parish.

Ann Swanson did mention to the council that Fr. Bob did attend many Pekin football games home and away this season. It was appreciated that he supported our kids in our parish.

There were no further comments by guests.

Ann Swanson read the closing prayer.

Shirley did indicate that she is conducting the "Ministry of Faith Formation" Program. It will be held the 19th at 5:30 p.m. and anyone is invited to attend.

Ann Swanson made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Amy Webber seconded the motion. Paul Fritz adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, December 11, 2013 at 7 p.m. at Mother Cabrini.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Adam