

The St. Joseph's Pastoral Council & Liturgy Committee met at Reuter Hall in Raymond on December 13, 2017. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 by Rick, and he also led us in prayer, as Fr. Huber was unable to attend meeting tonight. Pastoral Council members present were: Ralph Kraus, Amy Schaefer, Scott Brady, Mary McMahon and Paula Winkers. Finance Committee members present: Scott Reiter, Brad Scobee, Jamie McMahon, and Mary Weber.

Approval of Agenda & Minutes: There was a correction to the June Minutes regarding the Pint Trust fund. Motion made by Scott Brady and second by Brad to approve the corrections to the minutes and tonight's agenda.

Finance & Administration: Status of pew payments: The final cost was \$54,299.29. We received \$20,430.16 in donations-which leaves remaining balance of \$33,869.13 that we can use from unrestricted funds to pay. There is a chapel in Lonetree Iowa that expressed interest in some of the old pews and also contributed \$100 per pew towards the fund.

Board of Education: Mara Jones is the new school board member from St. Joes

Community Life/Social Concerns: Rick shared a Thank you we received from Getting Ahead in the Cedar Valley. Our Thanksgiving Clothing Drive went well-clothes were given to St. Vincent DePaul. The Giving Tree was a success again, with 10 families from Sacred Heart Waterloo being helped.

Deanery report: Fr. Huber not at meeting tonight, so could not report on anything.

Parish Society: The Fall breakfast went well. We served 457 people, down 54 from last year. Michelle did not have all totals of profits yet. We discussed whether we wanted to continue to have silent auction next year, as sometimes it seems it does not make much money. We decided to proceed with it for now and could always revisit the subject again as the next Fall breakfast approaches. The omelet breakfast, sponsored by the Pastoral council is scheduled for Feb 11th from 8-Noon. We discussed possibly raising the prices, -the current ones are Adults \$8.00, Ages 4-11 \$5.00 and 3 and under fee. Brad made a motion and Ralph seconded to keep the prices as is. Motion carried.

Spiritual Growth & Liturgy: We will once again be handing out books for Christmas by Matthew Kelly, called "Perfectly Yourself." Laurie Thome used some of the \$2,000 grant money we received for a new piano. Price includes delivery and free tune up. There is \$193.35 left from the Grant that we are suppose to use for Music-so suggestion to possibly use it for a light on the piano.

Building & Grounds: There is a Catholic Order of Foresters Breakfast on 03/18/18-proceeds go to St. Joseph School. Looking into possibly getting new south doors on both entrances of Reuter Hall. There is some rust/wear on bottom. The door by the kitchen is worse. Rick got some bids from Kirk Gross and Youngblut Construction. They will match the first \$1500.00, anything beyond that is our responsibility. Rick also contacted Huff Construction to get some bids, and has not heard back from them. He will try to contact them again after the first of the year. This discussion was tabled for now, maybe we will re-visit it at our next meeting-maybe in the spring. We need to find out what "restricted funds" are for, as

maybe we can use that to help pay for the cost, or maybe the recycled card ladies would donate towards the cost of this.

Youngblut Construction also gave estimate for the crash bar on Reuter Hall door-the lever is not activating the latch, in addition, they looked at the Church East Entrance Door-where the weather stripping is gone. \$289.00 bid for those. Motion made by Amy and second by Scott Brady to fix those. Motion carried.

Scott Reiter has been putting new LED lights (which are cooler) in Reuter Hall. These were couple hundred dollars with rebates.

New/unfinished business: The vacuum does not work well with the new Pews/and new carpet when cleaning the church. Michelle said she would talk to Linda Kayser if she had any thoughts or ideas on how to help with this.

Motion to adjourn at 7:15 by Scott Brady, second by Brad. Next meeting to be determined.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Stroh