

St. Joseph the Worker Cluster
Holy Name Finance Council
Meeting Minutes – May 10, 2018
West Union – 7:00 pm

PRESENT: Cluster = Brian Dunt (E), Chris Grapes (E)
Faith Formation = Amy Ihde (E)
Building/Grounds = Don Baumler, Ken Scholbrock, Mike Elsbernd
Parish Life = Jane Marshall

ABSENT: Cluster = Bill Bouska

Non-Voting: Present = Fr. Komboh, Maureen Johnson, Pam Rochford
Absent = Deacon Schemmel

The meeting opened with prayer led by Fr. Komboh.
Chairperson Baumler asked for approval of the February 8, 2018 minutes, Jane motioned, Ken seconded, carried. The approval of the agenda motioned by Amy, seconded by Jane, carried.

Maureen then gave the Business Manager report. Income is down significantly compared to last year. The YTD financials approved by motion from Jane, seconded by Chris, carried. The 2018/2019 budget is ok and we are where we need to be. Maureen has added some new categories and increased the budget by \$10,000.00. Maureen tried to be conservative. Pay raises were discussed and it was decided to not give out pay raises this coming year. Motion by Chris to approve the 2018-2019 budget, seconded by Amy, Carried.

Everyone is enjoying the new bulletin; some suggestions were to have a word from Father section monthly and daily readings for the week. Maureen and Pam presented a new budget envelope program with a new company. This new program mails out the envelopes to the parishioners three times a year, we can keep our special envelopes and the children envelopes would go away. For the children we will get one envelope that would be placed in the entrances for the children to grab on their way in to church. Chris motioned to go forward with the new company, seconded by Amy. Carried. Nominations at SFA was fumbled but they will get it done correctly by this coming Sunday. Chris reported on the forms we will be using for nominations and those who are running for election. The elections will follow the Prayer after Communion with the help of the Ushers on May 20, 2018.

In Cluster Council reports, we looked over the YTD finance report and the 2018/2019 Cluster budget. Maureen stated that she has been given approval by the Cluster Pastoral Council to purchase new software for the cluster/parish bookkeeping and payroll. She also reported on possible rent for the rectory and after some research has found that, the parish that owns the rectory is responsible for its upkeep. Chris reported that Kari Yauk is working on a welcome brochure to hand out to new parish members, Kurt Wood is recruiting help for a strategic planning survey to be given out in the near future, help is being sought to form a stewardship committee and social justice committee. Waukon is hosting a Social Justice meeting for the area parishes and we are hoping to have representation from each parish of the Cluster to attend. Chris researched Reconciliation schedules around the area and offered that we look at possibly offering the Sacrament on Wednesday evenings. Father will give it some thought. All parishes were asked to resume the weekend Mass attendance count forms.

Amy gave the Faith Formation report. The Christmas program went well, Father was able to visit one evening session of classes, Lenten Reconciliation service went well with 4 Priests in the afternoon and 2 Priests in the evening, this Council is to come up with a Mission Statement, Catechist Appreciation Dinner was well attended and elections are being prepared for the 2018/2019 Council.

Cluster committee reports started with Liturgy. Jane reported that the committee had reviewed Holy Week and discussed the May Liturgies. We will be having a Cluster Mission at SFA on July 8-10 at 7:00 pm. Father Patrick Foley will be the guest speaker and will be here to do the weekend & weekday Masses and visit the sick. The Cluster will provide the hospitality and Father will stay at the Rectory.

In Parish Life the CDA has been gathering to do quilting for the Christmas Giving, installed new officers on June 5th and the Senior Scholarship winner was Dakota Cooley. The KC's offered a scholarship for seniors and the cemetery work is completed for now. The Rosary Society is looking into purchasing new 8ft white plastic tables for the Parish Center and they donated money to pay for the shrubs needed for the new landscaping project behind the church.

Next report was the building & grounds. Don reported that most of the Rectory repairs and updates were paid for through donations from parishioners. Other repairs going on is the handicap switch by the Annex door, mop bucket, sale of the snow blower, and other small miscellaneous projects. Father Rausch has left the Parish funds of \$27,800.00. Discussion on what these funds should be used for was discussed with approval of purchasing an Ambry & Cruets for displaying the Holy Oils. Other suggestions were to re-blacktop the back parking lot and purchase white devotional candles. For now the funds will be invested where we can earn interest and in a separate account. Norm repaired the garage door of the rectory and fixed/replaced the smoke detectors. Mike reported on a Black Hills rebate offer and Travis Scholbrock will do a furnace inspection for \$100 rebate per furnace. The window in the Parish office is in need of replacing, Rosary Society paid for electrical work on an outlet/switch plate in the Sacristy, the sound system has been upgraded with a new headset for Father, Ambo mic is now longer, speakers were straightened and the volume was adjusted. The retaining wall behind the church will need new blocks, rock and shrubs with several donations already coming in to help defray the cost. The Sacristy needs repair on the sink and wall. Mike requested that a Baby Changing Station be put up in the bathroom at church per a request from a young mom parishioner.

In other business, Father reported that a HIV presentation will take place May 15th. Father then asked the Council to start looking at our parish membership. What can we do for the growth of the parish? How do we get parishioners to return? What or how do we grow our parish? Everyone is to start bringing ideas to the meetings to answer these questions.

Father led us in closing prayer, meeting adjourned 9:15 p.m.

NEXT MEEETING: AUGUST 9, 2018 7:00 p.m. Holy Name Parish Center

Respectfully Submitted,

Pam Rochford