

Holy Name Parish
Finance Council
Meeting Minutes – August 13, 2015 (unapproved)
Holy Name Parish Center - 7:00 p.m.

Present: Fr. Jim Brokman, Bill Clark (Chair), Jane Marshall, Pam Rochford, Norm Einck, Ron Bodensteiner, Bonnie Patrick (Vice Chair), Chris Grapes, Bernice Holthaus and Kathy Wenthold (Sec)

- I. Opening Prayer – Fr. Jim led a prayer of thanks and intercession followed by the Our Father.
- II. Committee Structure - Fr. Jim explained the committee and reporting structure. Individual councils meet and report happenings to the Pastoral Council. Pastoral council then reports to the Finance Council which meets four times per year.
- III. Election of Chair / Vice Chair – Fr. Jim noted that Kathy Wenthold would attend all Finance Council meetings and serve as secretary. Ron Bodensteiner motioned to maintain our current Chair and Vice-Chair (Clark/Patrick) for the coming year. Jane Marshall seconded the motion. Motion carried after Clark/Patrick affirmed their agreement to maintain their held positions.
- IV. Guest Presentation – Deb Dessel addressed the group regarding a request from the Palmer Lutheran Auxiliary to hold the next year’s blood drives through the Blood Center of Iowa at the Parish Center. There are seven dates throughout the year held on the second Wednesday of the month from noon to 6:30pm. Fr. Jim asked for a Certificate of Insurance for liability purposes. There was also a request that the Blood Center conduct set-up and restore the center to its original state after each event. Garbage is also taken care of by the Blood Center. Einck also request that we put a notice in the bulletin prior to each drive to notify the congregation and encourage donations. Bonnie Patrick made a motion to approve the use of the Parish Center for the blood drives. Jane Marshall seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- V. Approval of Minutes/Agenda – Question on minutes whether or not the whole cluster would become part of the Decorah Deanery. Fr. Jim indicated that, yes, all parishes would become part of the same Deanery, but Faith Formation would remain under Elkader. Chris Grapes motioned to approve the minutes and agenda with a second by Bonnie Patrick. Motion carried.
- VI. Approval of Financial Statement – Father reviewed the statement. Norm Einck asked a question regarding the balance in the cemetery fund. Father Jim noted that the balance had increased due to a transfer in funds from a CD that came due. Norm and Fr. Jim will review the cemetery fund report and report back at the next meeting. Marshall motioned to approval the financial statement with a second by Einck. Motion carried.
- VII. Buildings & Grounds – Norm Einck walked through the church with Brinks Painting for an estimate on painting the windows. The bid included the exterior windows and casings, three entrance areas, basement windows and 4 louver windows in the steeple. Final bid was for \$14,742.46. After some discussion, it was decided not to hire Brinks at this time. Einck also reported on the need to go on the roof to inspect the shingles and noted that winter would be a good time to look at taking care of the plaster in the church.

VIII. Cluster Reports

- a. Pastoral Council – Fr. Jim will have an evaluation done over the next year. The Pope has declared the Year of Mercy beginning in December.
- b. Faith Formation – NCYC has met its goal. Next year we will work toward sending a group to the Catholic Heart work camp. Pam is working on Vacation Bible School for the week of August 17-21st. Rich Curran will conduct the Diocore Youth Rally in Elkader on September 23rd. Registration for Faith Formation will take place the evening of Wednesday, September 9th. There will be an emphasis in Faith Formation this next year on getting parents more involved in the religious education process.
- c. Finance – Will meet in December
- d. Parish Life
 - i. Rosary Society – Will polish church pews in October.
 - ii. Knights of Columbus – KC's trimmed the bushes around the church. They will repair the cornerstones around the gate in the cemetery, add markers to the headstones missing the KC and Vets markers, and will clean the fungus off the cemetery stones with a spray cleaner.
 - iii. CDA – The CDA is putting on a meal on September 30th on Main Street and will also hold their annual election day luncheon on November 3rd. Cookies for shut-ins will be distributed in December.
 - iv. Social Justice – The school supply drive was a success. We were able to gather several needed supplies for North Fayette Valley.

IX. Old Business – Pam Rochford checked with Dave Burns regarding doing the Holy Name mission during Lent. He will check into their availability and get back to her. We are still waiting for Kane Cleaning to check the floors in the parish center and give us an estimate.

X. Prayer – The Memorare was led by Fr. Jim as a closing prayer.

XI. Adjourn – Jane Marshall motioned for adjournment. Bonnie Patrick seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:41pm.