

St. Wilfrid Parish Council Minutes

September 8, 2022

Meeting held in the parish hall.

Attendance: Fr. Kevin Doyle, Jim VanDenhamel, Gary Swenson, David Swenson, Mike Rankin, Paula Linke, Pat Carsrud, John Ames, Janet Voorhees, Jennifer Hansen, Drew Hansen, Gay Lynne Ames

Meeting opened with prayer: 7:08 PM

Minutes of last meeting were made available to the parish.

Sacramental report was made available to the parish council. Fr. Kevin mentioned that the thing that stand outs that we are seeing more funerals.

Stats for the CCD program was presented.

As a beginning of the end of COVID, last year had the Adult Education in January.

Two Synod of Synodality meetings were held at St. Wilfrid. We were the only one who had the interfaith synodality.

Cemetery listed on the report. The German Catholic cemetery should have been listed on the report. There are no activity at the cemetery.

Finance Statement presented. Post COVID, Fr. Kevin states he is very impressed with how the financials for being COVID.

Council was informed that the money had been transferred on 7/28/2022 from the General Fund to the Parish Deposit & Loan replacing funds that were taken out during the COVID crises; plus, another \$12,000 (that was set aside for the building projects) was also transferred to Parish Deposit & Loan on the same date.

Fr. Kevin stated that the income was greater than last year's budgeted amount. Fr. Kevin explained the external group accounts that is used to balance the external balances. Fr. Kevin explained the account numbers 4293 & 5275. Fr. Kevin has used the accounts to show the CFSA assessment (reflecting the funds that are collected by the parish and sent to the diocese). Fr. Kevin explained the workings of CFSA and the overage is money that kept in the local parish and we are not assessed on that amount for next year. We have made our assessment this year.

Grant from the South Dakota Community Fund for cemetery was questioned. It was explained that the money is an investment income (Acct#134 vs Acct#2145).

Custodial wage will go down because of no longer have a custodian.

Postage expense went up because Fr. Kevin purchased more stamps before the postage rate went up.

Fr. Kevin turned off cable and internet from rectory and transferred it to the church. Now Fr. Kevin has eliminated the cable, we currently have only internet and phone. There will be decrease in that expense. (Please note in New Business concerning telephone system with the diocese.)

Account #5243 is being used for rebate, and the offside elsewhere. Diocese does not allow changing the titles of the accounts.

We are separating the accounts for Rectory and Church for utilities. It was suggested that we should get a bid price from CHS and Alpena Oil. Currently we are renting the tanks for \$1/yr.

Direct operational expense was questioned. Hospitality was questioned. Fr. Kevin uses the hospitality account to feed others (fraternal priest gatherings, holiday celebrations, parish meetings, etc.). Fr. Kevin doesn't spend much for rectory food.

Fr. Kevin used the miscellaneous #4269 to balance the budget. Fr. Kevin states it takes five years to get a more accurate way to balance an actual/accurate budget.

A parishioner showed a concern about the current expenses and lack of income.

OLD BUSINESS:

An extended "Thank you" to those who helped refinish the exterior doors to the church.

It was noted that repair and maintenance needs to be done to the handicapped door, the door doesn't close completely all the time.

Updated status on the roof. The wind was so strong that it pulled the paint off the eaves. There is no wood rot. The wind did pull about 20 shingles off the roof. The adjuster came in about two weeks ago. Fr. Kevin stated that the adjuster said he will recommend replacement of the roof.

Tuck pointing still need to be done. No one has come to do an estimate this fall. John Ames stated that when he talked to the Heinrichs that they didn't have time this summer.

It was reported that the plexi-glass covering the stained glass windows had some cracks. The adjuster is aware of the broken glass.

Fr. Kevin noted that the Baptism font is now located up front.

The council was informed that St. Wilfrid currently doesn't have a custodian.

Fr. Kevin informed that he put an ad for the part-time secretary/DRE. It was questioned if we can afford to hire a part-time secretary. Fr. Kevin explained that the position would mostly more keeping up the sacramental records. Fr. Kevin states the wage would be for \$17.50 per hour.

Fr. Kevin stated that acquiring an AED is still an option for St. Wilfrid.

Council was informed that the Adoration Chapel ceiling is leaking. It is speculated that it is coming from the vents above the chapel. The vents will need to be replaced.

The council was informed that the holes were foamed in above the two side altars and the outside isles.

Fr. Kevin reported that St. Wilfrid acquired some used kneelers from Oneka for the chapel. Fr. Kevin's thought was to place the pietre beside the confessional booth by the 14th station.

Suggested to have an updated parish directory. It can be one way to help bring people back into the church.

A&B Business was a contract for the photocopier prior to Fr. Kevin coming to the parish. Fr. Kevin cancelled the contract. We still have Williams Office Equipment Repair for any copy repairs that is needed.

Fr. Kevin reported that copy paper for white 11 X 17 paper is \$100/case. \$37/case for 8 ½ X 11.

NEW BUSINESS:

The internet telephone system with the diocese can be an option now with the parishes. Diocesan wide telephone system. The only cost is for the phone. Fr. Kevin thought there would be approximately three phones for St. Wilfrid.

It was reported that we are in the process of plugging up holes for the bats. There were thoughts that that the bats are getting through the flashing and the mortar in the bricks and that the bats could be getting through large vents in the ceiling of the sanctuary.

Cemetery – Catholic Mutual sent photos of monuments to be repaired. Paula Linke stated that she had an anonymous donor to fix the monuments. The donor will donate with matching funds and will have a campaign to get matching fund.

The directory glass was shattered. The person mowing noticed it and reported to Paula Linke. Paula Linke reported that it was fixed prior to Memorial Day.

It was questioned if the cemetery mower could be an employee rather than a contracted person. Currently St. Wilfrid is paying for the Work Comp insurance of \$500. Paula Linke said she would look into the matter.

There was a suggestion of possibility of putting St. Wilfrid on the historical list.

St. Wilfrid Feast Day is Oct. 12th.

Set up another meeting. Day suggested for tentative Nov. 10th at 7pm.

Closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Gay Lynne Ames
Executive Secretary of the Parishes