

Minutes of the St. Anthony Parish Council meeting, March 20, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Jonathan Marohl. Those present included Msgr. Gion, Jonathan, Brad Bonogofsky, Sara Berger and Al Gustin. Absent were Scott Ressler and Gloria Steckler. Msgr. Gion said an opening prayer.

New members Al and Sara were welcomed and the council was reorganized. Officers are: President Jonathan Marohl; Vice President Scott Ressler; and Secretary Al Gustin.

Msgr. Gion asked whether the council had official bylaws. Sara said she would download the bylaws that are on the Diocesan website for further consideration.

Lawn Care: Jonathan said that Kenny Ressler had indicated he would be willing to be grounds keeper for the church and cemetery at a rate of \$15.00 an hour. Msgr. Gion and council members expressed pleasure and gratitude that the issue had been resolved so favorably. Council members agreed to check and service the parish's grounds-keeping equipment so that it will be in good running order.

Church Fair: Jonathan said that it would be necessary to begin planning soon for the Church Fair. He said that Dar and Dawn Schmidt, last year's chairs, had indicated a willingness to assist. There was some discussion about last year's ticket, meal and activities; and general agreement that last year's event had gone well.

Cemetery: Jonathan said that Scott had assumed the cemetery portfolio and that he and Scott would review the parish policy regarding the cost of a cemetery plot. Jonathan also mentioned the possibility that the parish might need to acquire additional land for the cemetery.

Discussion followed on the need to repair the fence and the need to straighten many of the headstones. Al suggested parish members might try straightening some headstones to see if professional help would be needed. Jonathan or Scott will check into the policies of other parishes regarding whose responsibility it is to maintain headstones (parish or family).

Al said that parish member George Leingang had indicated that members of his family would be willing to donate money toward repair of the large cemetery crucifix. George had indicated he would look into the cost of such a project and would report back to the council.

Youth Programs: Jonathan indicated a desire to offer more programs for youth of the parish. Msgr. Gion indicated Spirit of Life might be able to assist with such programs. Sara said she would check into what Spirit of Life is doing in that regard.

CCD and Confirmation: Jonathan said St. Anthony Confirmation candidates will be attending the Core Christi program at the University of Mary. He said announcements would be made at Mass telling parish members about information available to them on that program. Msgr. Gion

said the Bishop will come to a parish for Confirmation if there are 12 or more confirmants; or if it has been three years since he last administered Confirmation at that parish.

Parking Lot: Jonathan said Gloria had been approached by the St. Anthony School Board about the need for repairs to the parking lot; and the board's willingness to share in the expense of repair. Jonathan indicated that the parish's insurance carrier has "flagged" deficiencies in the parking lot in recent assessments.

The school board apparently had suggested an oil and gravel overlay, which is estimated to cost \$7-8,000. Thinking that that may not be sufficient, Gloria asked Carl Berger for an estimate to concrete the entire lot. The council reviewed Berger's estimate; and then discussed the possibility of doing an asphalt paving of the lot. Msgr. Gion said he would contact an asphalt contractor he knows to get an estimate of the cost.

There was also discussion of needed repairs to the sidewalk, which had also been flagged by the insurance company. No decisions were made.

Church Repairs: Jonathan indicated that the long-standing problem of roof leaks had not been solved. He said Gloria had offered to investigate possible remedies. The council decided to wait for her findings. Jonathan said he would ask parishioners for their ideas on needed repairs; and that a list of those suggestions would be prepared by May first for prioritization.

Msgr. Reminded the council that any expenditure over \$10,000 needs diocesan approval.

There being no further business, a prayer was said and the meeting was adjourned.