

St. Augustin Parish Council Meeting

October 9, 2018

St. Augustin Church Conference Room

Call to Order: Pat Smith called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm. Father Pisut opened with prayer.

Present: Father Christopher Pisut, Colin Riemersma, Pat Smith, Nick Bigelow, Sherill Whisenand, Karen Pierick, Marianne Dowd, John Knight

Absent: Paul Martin, John Gilbert

Approval of September minutes: Carried (Sherill moved, Karen 2nd)

Choir loft move: Father Pisut is discussing this transition to the choir tomorrow night 10/10. He expressed an openness to their perspectives and concerns. The timing of this change is yet to be determined.

Board of Education (Karen): Superintendent Tracy Bonday delivered a presentation to the BOE regarding diocesan school leadership and training. Completion/cleanup of the drive has been slow and difficult, mostly due to weather. Having the PE teacher serve as AD has gone well. For greater flexibility, all area parochial schools now have A and B athletic teams rather than grade-based. Teachers underwent PD in Omaha recently. For greater security, the front office now has a push-button to lock all doors. The Parish Council discussed the need for education regarding the roles and authority of the BOE in relation to the parish; the pastor ultimately has authority, but seeks to work alongside the school leaders and community, account for professional input, and uphold diocesan policies.

Finance: No meeting in the past month. Such meetings are scheduled for the 4th Tuesday of each month but don't always occur.

Parish Life: Sherill praised the ministry of Nine to Dine and its ability to build our community and fellowship. All Saints and All Souls days will take place in early November; based on PC input, Father will keep the All Souls mass on 11/2 even though it's on a Friday. The Knights' Smoker Poker event was successful: 70 attendees, \$8K raised for Easter Seals, good food, strong sponsorships and donations; may become an annual tradition. Altar and Rosary now has alternating day and night meetings, and will host a Fall Social this month. The Holy Hour for Healing had a modest turnout but met the targeted need. Business Manager Sybil Sullivan has been meeting with firms to hold a capital campaign next year, timed with the parish's 100th anniversary; the goal is to raise \$2-5 million. A discussion also took place in this meeting about possibilities for a Latin/Trinitine mass here or elsewhere in the diocese.

Adjournment: 7:21 pm. Next meeting 11/13 at 6:30 pm.