

Visitation Finance Council
Approved Minutes
March 14, 2019
Visitation Faith Formation Center

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Ronnie Pitzen.

1. Opening Prayer

2. Members Present: Ronnie Pitzen, Phil Streit, Ed Theobald, Jim Luense, and Betty Johnson. Also present: Father Ray. Absent: Don Hofland and Becky Juenger

3. Roger Brumm Replacement – Matt Pitzen has been hired to replace Roger Brumm and was invited to meet the committee but was unable to make this meeting.

4. Agenda: Additions to the agenda were 7e) Fall Festival, 7f) Lights, 7g) Snow Blower, and 7h) Internet Upgrade. It was moved by Jim and seconded by Phil to approve the agenda with the above-mentioned additions. Motion carried.

5. Minutes: Minutes from the November 8, 2018 meeting were reviewed. It was moved by Phil and seconded by Ed to approve the November 8, 2018 minutes. Motion carried.

6. Financial Reports: Financial Reports for October, November, and December and also the 2018 Fall Festival results were all reviewed. It was moved by Jim and seconded by Ed to accept the October, November, and December 2018 financial reports as presented. Motion carried.

7. Old Business

a) Phase 3 Project:

- Project Committee: It was decided that the next phase would be painting the interior of the church. A committee has been organized consisting of Ronnie & Becky Pitzen, Matt Thome, Don Hofland, Sheila Klapperich, and Roselee Lowe, to start getting plans together for this project. Will also contact Jay Adams to see if he's able to sit on the committee. They will contact the painting company to get a quote and timeline in place.

It was discovered that the roof is leaking. Father will contact Krause Construction to have them look into fixing.

- b) Benefit Criteria – Father was going to ask other priests at his deanery meeting but due to inclement weather he was unable to make the meeting. We will continue to assist if asked by families, but the church will not initiate.
- c) Scalloped Turkey Dinner Fundraiser – Fundraiser has been moved to March 17 due to bad weather conditions forecasted for March 10. Wheels is donating the turkey again this year.

8. New Business

- a) Faith Formation Budget – Faith Formation budget was reviewed. Father mentioned that funds may be needed for CHWC participants as the cost per person is approximately \$550. It was suggested to offer a scholarship for Visitation participants attending NCYC or CHWC to help assist with their expenses. Those Visitation students would need to apply for the scholarship. Jim will look into creating an application like what St. Ansgar Church used to do when they offered a scholarship. After discussion, it was moved by Phil and seconded by Ed to offer a scholarship for eligible Visitation students to apply for to help with a portion of their NCYC or CHWC expenses. Motion carried.

- b) Community Center Stoves – The community center stoves need attention. They keep going out. Stacyville does not want to purchase new stoves. A hood and ANSUL System are required to be installed regardless of if new stoves are installed or not.
- c) Anita Adams – Anita has expressed an interest in the cupboards from the upstairs of the Faith Formation building if we were to ever get rid of them. We will visit with Barb Brumm to see if she uses them. If they are not being used and are easy to take down without doing damage to the walls, everyone was in favor of giving them to Anita since she does so much volunteering for the parish.
- d) Church Bulletin Advertising – The number of companies contributing to the bulletin is continuously decreasing. Cost for a single square is \$250 per year. Need to have someone approach companies to sign up to fill in blocks like was done in the past. Some parishioners will be contacted to see if they are willing to go around to area businesses to ask for their support.
- e) Fall Festival – Karen Heimer met with the Parish Council to discuss changes that she is suggesting for future fall festivals. The following are the suggested changes: Eliminate the games, reduce candy by 50%, and sell pop out by the live auction. Silent auction, live auction, merchant tickets, and the meal would remain the same. The 4H club offered to take over the games and all proceeds will go to the church. This is acceptable as long as they organize and work it themselves.
- f) Lights – there have been complaints about the lighting in the church. It's hard to read as the lighting is dim. Need to update light bulbs. Keith Heimer will be contacted to look into.
- g) Snow Blade – Matt Pitzen is requesting a blade for snow moving versus only the blower option. Tyler DeMaris is looking into finding a blade.
- h) Internet Upgrades – There is the need to upgrade internet for the church and faith formation center. The current plan is 5 mg for \$66.95 which includes 100 minutes included. The new plan is \$74.95 for 15 mg with 300 minutes included. Currently phone usage is substantially higher than 100 minutes so doing the upgrade may result in very little or no increase with the additional minutes included. It was decided to increase both lines to the 15 mg plan.

9. May Quarterly Meeting: Thursday, May 9, 2019

10. Adjourn: It was moved by Jim to adjourn. Meeting ended at 8:56 p.m.

Betty Johnson, Secretary