

## St. Nicholas Parish Advisory Council Meeting Minutes:

Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024, 6 p.m. held at St. Nicholas Church (Rev 12.2.2024)

Present: Fr. Don Wagner, Mary Caskey (St. Nicholas Parish Trustee), Ken Lutgen (St. Nicholas Parish Trustee), Shirley Lutgen (President), Shirley Kuechle (Vice President), Mike Lutgen (Secretary), Lee Bautch (ACC Member at Large), Allen Stommes, Linda Jungles.

Fr. Wagner opened with a prayer with all three parish councils. Father also announced the following holiday mass and event schedule: Thanksgiving Eve Mass will be at St. Nicholas Parish at 5:30 followed by a soup and sandwich dinner. Thanksgiving Day mass will be at Assumption at 9a on November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Reconciliation services will be held on December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at Assumption Parish from 5:30p to 8p, and the Confesstival in St. Augusta at St. Mary's Help of Christians will be on December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024 from 8a to 8p. Christmas Eve Mass will be held at 4p at Assumption Parish and 7p at St. Nicholas Parish, and Christmas Day mass will be held at St. Anne's at 9a. New Year's mass will be held on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024 at 5p at Assumption Parish and January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 at 9a at St. Nicholas Parish.

Central Minnesota Catholic will publish information regarding the results of the Long Range Planning in upcoming issues. Year of Eucharistic Revival – parishioners are encouraged to bring one person back to the Eucharist over the course of the next year. Fred Blonigan will be presenting on Penance and the Eucharist on December 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> respectively in his series on The Truth, Goodness, and Beauty of the Catholic Faith at Assumption Church from 2:30-3:30p each day. A member of Assumption Parish announced the 33 Days to Eucharistic Glory, The First-Ever Eucharistic Consecration Guide, December 11<sup>th</sup> through January 12<sup>th</sup>, books will be available at church entrances. The Next meeting will be on January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at Assumption Church.

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of the last meeting were reviewed and approved.

**Agenda:** Ken Lutgen asked that an item be added for the Elevator Step. Linda Jungles asked about posting of the Parish Advisory Council minutes and to add an item for the Grief Ministry.

## **New Business:**

**Grief Ministry:** Linda Jungles notified the council that Grief Ministry is having trouble contacting the families after the deaths of parishioners. Ken Lutgen and Mary Caskey will discuss appropriate actions with Fr. Don and the result will be shared at the next meeting.

**New Member Nomination:** Nomination of new members to the Parish Advisory Council will happen on December 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> during mass, with the drawing happening on December 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Church Cleaners:** One of our two church cleaners is resigning, but the remaining will bring a family member of hers along moving forward to fill in.

**Constitution:** Changes to the Parish Advisory Council Constitution were reviewed and approved. Updated constitution to be posted with the minutes from the next meeting.

**Church Cleaning:** Discussion about spring cleaning for the church was tabled for the next meeting.

**Lawn Mowing:** Discussion about future lawn mowing needs for the church and cemetery grounds was table for the next meeting.

**Parish Property:** There was a discussion about church property boundaries.

**Elevator Step:** Ken Lutgen informed the committee that several people have stumbled at the last step at the bottom of the stairs in the elevator entrance. He recommended that a sign be placed on the wall reminding people that there is an additional step. He is going to research a sign that will work for the application.

### **Old Business:**

**Church Front Steps:** Ken Lutgen provided an update on the project. The final cost for the steps was \$15,055, which included the adjustment for the required removal of the brick pillars on either side of the existing steps and the additional forming and materials needed to compensate. The new railings cost \$3,795.

**Basement Rental:** Updates to the basement rental program were discussed and amended. Changes will be made and presented at the next meeting and posted along with the minutes from the next meeting.

### **Reports:**

**Financial Reports:** Financial reports were reviewed and approved. The review of the September 2024 through October 2024 saw a total income of \$40,667.94, total expenses equaling \$42,125.25, showing a net income of -\$1,457.31.

**Cemetery Report:** Ken Lutgen presented an option to replace the corpuses on the crosses at the current St. Nicholas Cemetery as well as Old St. Nicholas Cemetery. He mentioned that a donation had already been made to cover the cost of the corpus at the current cemetery. A motion was made to allow the Cemetery Committee to replace them at their discretion. The vote was unanimous.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting is scheduled for January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at Assumption Church.

**Adjournment:** Allen Stommes motioned to adjourn and Ken Lutgen seconded.

Respectfully submitted by Mike Lutgen.