Appleton Assumption

Parish Council Meeting

March 22, 2021 7PM

Meeting was called to order by Father Buhman at 7:00 PM. Father Buhman led meeting with a prayer.

Roll call was taken.

Members present – Father Buhman, Chuck Andel, Evan Kovar, Jerome Andel, Nicole Sylvester, Lori Focher, and Katrina Sabata

Cemetery Board – Val Svoboda and Jerome Andel

Financials – $12,191 in the checking account.

**OLD BUSINESS** –

Soup Supper – As of today the parish exceeded the $6,000 goal and collected $7,430. Fr. Buhman will give a verbal announcement and post it in the bulletin on March 28, 2021.

Roof – Waiting for good weather; when it’s dry and not too hot. Will wait until June to ask for donations.

**NEW BUSINESS –**

Priests Health Insurance – In the past Appleton has paid 20% of the priests’ insurance. Rates went up. The council agreed to keep paying 20% of the premiums for $332/ month.

Easter Vigil Mass – Fr. Buhman found a substitute so Appleton will be able to have all 3 triduum masses for Easter.

Lights – Jerome Andel and Kevin Andel replaced the burned-out bulbs above the pews.

Cracked windows – There are several cracked stained-glass windows. Some of them have been that way for 30 years. Historically, replacing stained glass is expensive especially if insurance doesn’t cover. Jerome Andel mentioned Marietta had similar stained-glass windows so he will ask someone there if they remember who they went through when repairs were needed.

Sink for washing dishes – Someone in the parish mentioned this would be nice to have. The addition is concrete flooring. Nicole Sylvester is going to get an estimate from Bill Yindrick for how much it would cost to run a line through the ceiling. It was also noted that a cheaper alternative would be to install a second sink in the bathroom.

New Officers – Voting typically takes place in June. Nicole will call Lori to ask about how she did the ballots since we liked the way it worked last time. Since the women are now a part of the PCCW and Parish Council, we decided the women should only vote for women; whereas, before the women were voting for both men and women.

Sprinkler Bucket for Holy Water – Nicole asked about pricing. Our bucket is faded and has water lines and can’t be fixed by cleaning. Fr. Buhman said St. Mary’s just bought one for $100. It came with the sprinkler too. He thought it was a good quality bucket but not a good sprinkler. We mentioned putting this on the Christmas wish list. St. Mary’s has magazines we can order from; could also order online.

Cemetery – Nicole had a parishioner ask about getting rid of the pine trees and replacing with something different (such as red maple). The council discussed pine trees have cones that are a nuisance to pick up, but trees always shed branches that need to be picked up.

Father Buhman closed with prayer at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Katrina Sabata, Secretary/Treasurer