

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING DEC.3, 2007**

Present: Father Kuhn, Sister Kent, Gary Burds, Tom McCoy, Steve Hoeger, Jim Koetz, John Lembezeeder, Peggy Lehman, Annette Kress, Leroy Biermann, Lenny Tekippe, Maria Ney.

Reading of minutes. Motion to approve Tom McCoy and seconded by Leroy Biermann

Website: It was decide to continue to mail copies of the newsletter to reach parishioners. A form will be added to complete and return for those who do not want to receive the hard copy.

Altar and Rosary Society: No report

Financial Statement: The interest on the income statement if from existing investments and not from the \$60,000 donation. The interest is deposited two times per year. Auction profit was approx. \$35,000. This will be published in the bulletin. Adjustments have been made for the Seton Subsidy. Improvements expense was for a tank less water heater in Shannon Hall.

Leibold Donation. \$50,000 is to be used to help with tuition for families of St. John's Parish. Father Kuhn would like to start using this next semester. The 1st of May we can start using interest on the principal. Need to devise an application process. Any Finance Committee should include Mary Smock, Principal of Seton. Suggestions included using a process similar to the STO Program. Jeff Henderson who is the Superintendent of Catholic Schools for the Archdiocese would be willing to come and explain the STO. Could also use an outside source for the application. Final say should be by the Finance Committee and Father Kuhn.

Discussion of a Financial Board of Directors. Direction taken from Sister Montgomery's book. Made up of various small committees who report to the Parish Council. Examples include a Finance committee and a Liturgical committee. They can be appointed or elected. Usually recommend individuals with business, accounting, or finance background. Generally the Board would meet four times a year.

Building and Grounds: Security Locks. Quote from Roger Reesburg from Dyersville of a battery operated lock that is reliable, of good quality and versatile. The keypad would support 2000 users and it can't track who entered. Can also be set up for different events. Batteries generally allow 80,000 entries. There is a key override if any problems. Cost \$829. The other estimate was fro \$2100. Motion to approve installation of the lock by Annette Kress and seconded by Tom McCoy.

Lighting. Discussion was made concerning the lighting at the back corner of the parking lot and dark by stairs to parking lot. Suggestions were to look into Motion lights by stairs and a new bulb with higher lumination by back light.

Gymnasium lights. Jerry Spiegel is replacing bulbs regularly. Suggestion made to replace with fluorescents.

Deanery: John Greenwood reported most of the meeting was spent by a presentation of the Clarity Clinic requesting donations or a special collection. Also talked about Parishes with any unique ideas to get new parishioners, such as a welcome wagon. Brian Topping replaced Sister Montgomery.

Old Business: Music Director No one yet.

Renter upstairs. Last months rent check not good. Discussed getting an official notice to evict and deliver by certified mail. Discussed need for a Lease or Rental Agreement for future renters.

Christmas Party: Thursday Dec. 27 at Thunderhills Country Club. Happy Hour at 6:00 and Dinner at 7:00.

Motion to adjourn by Father Kuhn and seconded by Lenny Tekippe.

Next Meeting: January 7, 2008