

HOLY ROSARY PARISH  
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

January 18, 2015

9:00a.m

1. Jeremy Benzel called the meeting to order and Rich Otto said the opening prayer.

2. **Reading and Acceptance of Minutes:** read and approved

3. **Financial Report:** Rich Otto gave the financial report and noted that giving is up. Also encouraged that we should hit on the online giving from the pulpit and the bulletin. Also noted that December was one of the best Decembers on record for giving.

4. **Old Business:** The new Christmas trees were donated by a parish member. The strategic plan was discussed in regards to where we stand and Jeremy Benzel said he would contact Fr John about it and see how he wants to move forward.

5. **New Business:** Brent Kusek spoke with the folks from Morel and Associates about the organ. It is going to cost \$1350.00 to get it fixed properly and while they are here they will look at the blowers and give us an estimate to repair or replace at a later date. Theresa Dykes made a motion to approve the fixing of the organ and Casey Brittan seconded, council approved. The Knights of Columbus may be able to help with the cost of the repairs for the organ. JJ Smith asked if the Knights of Columbus could move forward on the purchase of the new fridge/freezer for the Lyceum. Motion made by Rich Otto, seconded by John Courtney and approved by the council with one stipulation that the existing coolers were not to be moved. Discussed the car that the church owns that sits in the garage at the rectory that does not currently get used and whether we should keep it or sell it. We tabled what to do with the car until a later date. Fr John mentioned that it may be possible that we could get an associate pastor here at Holy Rosary. The associate pastor could help at St. Bridget's among many other duties. There will be a meeting in February between the priests and the personnel board and that is when you put in for an associate pastor. JJ Smith motioned that we move forward in trying to get an associate pastor Rich Haslow seconded and the council approved. Rich Otto will contact a few council members from St. Bridget's to fill them in on the possibility of an extra priest. Father also stated that the money for the bell repairs may be donated from some members of the parish. Rich Otto motioned to move forward with the bell repairs, JJ seconded and the council approved. It was also brought up that the Lyceum is not being cleaned properly so Jeremy Benzel said he would speak with Karla Yeager about getting a check list formed on the proper cleaning of the Lyceum. It was also reported that there was some people wanting to get round tables for the Lyceum and the council approved Jeremy Benzel to do a follow up with the people wanting the tables.

6. **Committee Reports:**

**SAA Report:** Parent's Inc. group will host a Paint and Sip during Catholic Schools Week. The question of the month was what was purchased with the posting of just over \$1500 to classroom equipment. Theresa Parker will look into that. The Difference Maker for St. Agnes to be recognized during Catholic Schools Week has not been determined. Questions have been raised concerning the wearing of colored jeans vs. blue jeans on dress up days. Theresa has verified that colored jeans will be

acceptable. The calendar committee will begin work on the 2015-16 school calendar soon. Teachers will be attending a reading conference in Denver in Feb. so there will be no school on February 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup>. The Bishop will be here for an all school Mass on January 30, 2015 at 9:30a.m. The deep cleaning of the gym floor is on hold awaiting and answer on the "repainting" of the floor. No progress has been made on a security system but Kevin Oligmueller volunteered to assist Theresa in moving forward with this project.

**Liturgy:** No Report

**Building and Grounds:** No Report

**Family Life:** The committee is getting ready to start on the Valentine's Day boxes.

**Missions:** The details of money transfers to our twin parish in Haiti, Our Savior in Baile Tourible, has been done and the support will be quarterly thru the year. Instead of scholarships they are asking that people give monthly to the Missions. They will be doing fundraisers in February and March with the details to be announced in the bulletin later in the month.

**Cemetery:** Al has purchased seed to be put on the undeveloped sections. He also talked with Tritles about adding on to the water lines but nothing has been determined at this time. The south gate is closed due to snow drifts across the road. Have had a couple of cars stuck so Al is asking that people use the North Gate for the time being.

**Youth:** No Report

**Rel Ed Report:** Nicole Placek is the new Jr. Board Member and the position of a youth minister will be put off for the remainder of the school year. The budget looks good. Noreen is considering going to the Religious Ed Congress in Los Angeles. They watched the DVD on stewardship narrated by Paula Moss.

**Deanery Report:** Held a retreat in the Lyceum about stewardship, organization of committees, and fund raising. About 90 people attended the conference. The conference was really well done. Some of the key speakers were Bishop Dendinger, Rev. Jim Golka, Richard Garrigan, Paula Osterday, and Paula Moss.

**Stewardship:** The time talent and treasure surveys are done and being distributed to the appropriate committees. The council will be doing the meals for the Deanery retreat.

**Hispanic Ministry:** There was good attendance for the December Masses and the Posadas. The two priests from Scottsbluff will continue to take turns doing Mass in Spanish. They are working on an annual fund raiser for scholarships in the parish.

**Pastor's Report:** Fr. John reported that the south basement door has continued to be left unlocked so a new dead bolt was installed and keys were given to Aggie Kunzmen, Dick Foland and Fr. John.

**7. Next Meeting:** February 15, at 9:00 a.m.

**8. Adjournment:** Jeremy Benzel closed the meeting with a prayer at 10:30 a.m.

### Meeting Attendance

Jeremy Benzel ('12)	P	Tim McDonald ('14)	P	SAA (Rich Otto)	P
Casey Brittan ('12)	P	Nathan Oligmueller('13)	A	Youth Rep (not yet assigned)	A
John Courtney ('13)	P	J.J. Smith ('14)	P	Theresa Dykes	P
Tim Devlin ('14)	A	Megan Spargo ('13)	P	Barb Tolstedt	P
Rich Haslow ('12)	P			Fr. John Kakkuzhiyil	P