**Assumption of the B.V.M. Finance Council Minutes**

**Thursday, April 3, 2014**

**Cluster Office, Protivin**

Attendance: Tim Reicks (2016), Bob Busta (2016), Jackie Novotny (2016), Nancy Cuvelier (2015), Kathy Ball (2015), Keith Jerdee (1014) and Marla Busta (2014). Others present: Fr. Nick March, Pastor, Joe Rosenbaum and Kristie Reicks.

Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm followed by the recitation of the parish mission statement.

Minutes of the February 6, 2014, meeting were reviewed and approved by consensus. The Council reviewed the balance sheet and the profit and loss statement dated from July 1, 2013 through March 27, 2014.

* Joe Rosenbaum, representing the cemetery board, presented information on a new mower for the parish. He plans to purchase a Broadmoor 23 HP with a 50”deck valued at $3,699. Trade-in cost would be $1,450. He trades mowers every two years and the parish and the cemetery board split the cos,t each paying half. The Council approved the purchase of the new mower.
* Kristie Reicks updated the Council on the progress of the August 15 church dinner. Kristie will be co-chair with Connie Landa this year. Jerry Vrzak is looking for someone to assist him as co-chair of the men workers. The Council agreed by consensus to raise the price of the adult dinner tickets from $10 to $11 and keep the youth tickets at $5. The committee will also raise the price of kolaches but have not yet determined a price. The Council approved up to $500 to be used to purchase raffle items if needed. Fr. March has tentatively scheduled a 7:15 Vigil Mass for August 14 for the convenience of our parish dinner workers.

Unfinished Business:

* Minor repairs will be made to the east door of the dance hall before the scheduled graduation party this spring.
* Yellow safety stripes will be painted on the edges of the new sidewalk near the restroom door.
* Krause Konstruction will do some minor repair of some brick paint bleeding onto some mortar and repair a mortar chip near a window.

New Business:

* A revised Mass schedule is being worked on that will have the least negative impact on each of the six parish’s Mass attendance. Fr. March welcomes any input. It is hoped the financial support of each parish remains intact.
* The Council discussed developing criteria for approving fundraising requests held at church. Fund raising would be allowed for parish events or works of charity at Father’s discretion.
* April 30 is the deadline for application for a $500 matching grant through the Archdiocese of Dubuque and Catholic Charities which the Light of Christ will apply for to assist in youth opportunities such as Catholic Heart Work Camp.
* Beginning with the new fiscal year after July 1, our meetings will be held at 4 pm so the Cluster bookkeeper can also attend to answer financial questions.
* Welcome-and-registration packets will be available for new parishioners at the entrance to the churches in the Cluster.

Meeting closed with a prayer at 7:52 pm. Next meeting date is undecided.

Minutes submitted by Kathy Ball, Secretary