

Assumption of the B.V.M. Finance Council Minutes
Thursday, February 6, 2014
Cluster Office, Protivin

Attendance: Tim Reicks (2016), Bob Busta (2016), Jackie Novotny (2016), Nancy Cuvelier (2015) and Kathy Ball (2015). Absent: Keith Jerdee (2014) and Marla Busta (2014). Others present: Rev. Nick March, Pastor, and Kimberly Ball.

Meeting called to order at 6:33 pm followed by The Lord's Prayer.

Minutes of the October 15, 2013, 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 January 29, 2014. The Council requested that the certificates of deposit currently in the Bank of the West in Decorah be moved to a local bank when they mature.

Unfinished Business:

- Krause Konstruction will be here in the Spring to address the problem of some of the brick color bleeding into the white on the exterior of the church.

New Business:

- In an attempt to move the parishes in our cluster towards a more uniform practice of gift-giving, Fr. March proposed giving a \$50 Christmas gift to those employees and ministers who have been given gifts in the past. The Council agreed by consensus that the two ladies who grow and make the floral arrangements for our parish each week should continue to receive a \$100 gift.
- The Council agreed to continue subscribing to *Our Sunday Visitor* newspaper at a cost of \$130 per year for six issues a week. These are available each Sunday at the entrance of the church for anyone interested in reading them.
- The amount of the annual ACCW (American Council of Catholic Women) dues will be left to the discretion of the pastor.
- A new door will be put on the east side entrance to the church basement when the weather permits and the old door will replace the current one on the east side of the dance hall.
- Bob Busta presented information to the Council pertaining to the boundary lines around the dance hall. The building is on Busta property, they pay taxes on the land and ABVM insures the building. ABVM owns the two lots considered the parking area. Bob will draw up a general agreement and Fr. March will forward it to Rich Earles, the archdiocesan insurance representative.
- Kimberly Ball informed the Council that she and Kristin and Samantha Reicks visited West Music in Cedar Falls (now owners of Kepharts Music in Decorah), and compared two Clavinovas. The Council agreed by consensus to purchase the model #470 for \$3,732, which is \$1,000 less than list price as a parish discount. A five year warranty covers parts and labor. A special feature of the Clavinova is that it can record and play back music in the absence of a pianist.
- The Council agreed to donate \$50 to each of the two archdiocesan Catholic student centers; St. Stephen the Witness in Cedar Falls and St. Thomas Aquinas in Ames.

Meeting closed with a prayer at 7:55 pm. Next meeting - Thursday, April 3, 2014.

Minutes submitted by
Kathy Ball, Secretary