

**Finance Council  
Our Lady of Mount Carmel  
Thursday, September 20, 2012  
6:30 pm  
Protivin, IA**

Fr. Nick called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm, and opened with a prayer. He stated that this meeting would also be the Corporate Meeting.

Roll Call: Fr. Nick, Sinclair Ender, Joe Scally, Dianne Blazek, Mark Mueterthies, Joyce Mueterthies, Steve Lynch and recording secretary, Grace Arens. Absent: Tom Brincks. Renea Huinker unsuccessfully attended by phone.

Election of officers as follows. Elected were: Chair, Renea Huinker; Vice Chair, Dianne Blazek and Secretary, Joyce Mueterthies. They will serve for one year and will also be the Executive Committee.

Father stated that it is necessary to stagger the terms, so that everyone is not off the committee at one time. Since all of the members have been on the council since 2008, except for Joyce and Tom, it was decided that these would be the termination dates of those serving: Joe Scally, 2013, Dianne Blazek, 2014, Mark Mueterthies, 2015, Joyce Mueterthies, 2016. Father will check with Renea Huinker and Tom Brincks as to their final year.

In the absence of Renea, Dianne Blazek chaired the meeting.

The agenda was approved by consensus. The Minutes from the May and Special Meeting called in July were approved. The closed session meeting which was held in August had no minutes. Joyce had taken the minutes and she will type them and email them to the members.

Finance reports were discussed; this included a Cash Flow Report from May thru Sept. 20, 2012, and the Fiscal Year End Report, which has been sent to Dubuque. Father stated that \$4,000 has been taken from the Cluster and will be given to the Light of Christ budget to pay for the Youth Minister. Tyler & Lynette Wheeler had this as part of their job description and since they have resigned, this position is now paid under Light of Christ. All reports were accepted.

Father asked that everyone review the Council Norms, especially A – N. He will email these to all members.

**Old Business:**

The parish house improvements were discussed. Sinclair reported that the air cooling system did not seem to do what was expected; if needed, he will call Tim Phillips.

The walk through of the parish grounds and building was revisited. Sinclair will call Dessel-Roach, West Union about stretching the sanctuary carpet. The broken concrete at the back of the parish house was addressed. Grace will call Tom Brincks and ask that he contact Grube about checking out the church roof. The peeling paint on the rafters in the church was mentioned.

The bids from Kohlmeyer and Clair Carolan Painting to do the trim work on the parish house were discussed. Sinclair will talk to Pat Costigan of Kohlmyer about caulking the windows. Father will call an executive meeting to decide the outcome.

Father Nick informed the council members that the Lawler office will close. Grace will work out of the Protivin office four days a week, effective November 1, 2012. Not all of the details have been worked out; however, this plan should be more efficient and save the cluster money.

Father had the corporate meeting papers signed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 13, 6:30 pm, Protivin Office.

Grace Arens, Recording Secretary