

ST. JUDE PARISH
 PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – **APPROVED 02/24/2015**
 November 25, 2014

PRESENT: Father Don Martin Kyles
 Clay Aumann John St. Andre
 Rheda Jelen Susan Straubel

TOPIC:	REPORT/DISCUSSION:	ACTION:
CALL TO ORDER:	The meeting was called to order and opened with a prayer led by Martin Kyles.	
APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES AND AGENDA:	The September 16, 2014 St. Jude Pastoral Council meeting minutes were approved as submitted. The meeting agenda was approved as distributed.	
NEW BUSINESS:		
LETTER FOR PHASE 2:	The letter describing the next phase of the renovation project was sent out to all parish households. The letter offered an opportunity for those who have not donated yet to make a pledge as well as for those who wish to add to their original donation and/or pledge. Profits generated through SCRIP purchases by St. Jude parishioners will also be put toward the renovation project. There hasn't been much feedback regarding the letter.	Informational; no council action required at this time.
OLD BUSINESS:		
RENOVATIONS:	The cost for the next phase of the renovations is \$235,500. The parish must raise 75% of this amount to get approval from the diocese to move forward. Approximately \$85,000 has been raised so \$105,125 is needed to meet the 75% threshold.	Informational; no council action required at this time.
PARISH LIFE:	The council had a long discussion about how to promote this project in a positive light, noting appearance does make a difference in whether people choose to join the parish. If the facilities do not seem to be well maintained, the perception is that the parishioners don't care about sustaining their parish for the long term. Council members were asked to promote the renovation and express a positive attitude about the potential that the improvements can bring to our parish.	Informational; no council action required at this time.
OTHER BUSINESS:	There was no other business to discuss.	No council action required.
ADJOURNMENT:	There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.	
Recorder:	Beth Markon	