

# **Friends of Paplin, Inc.**

## **Meeting Minutes**

October 22, 2023, 1 p.m.

### **Opening**

The meeting of the Friends of Paplin, Inc. was called to order at 1:04 p.m. on October 22, 2023, at the Polish Heritage Center in Ashton, Nebraska, by President Mike Gappa.

### **Present**

Those present were Mike Gappa, Joe Jonak, Diane Jonak, Betty Poss, Cheri Kowalski, Janelle Mostek, Fr. Richard Piontkowski, Stacie Gappa, Bonnie Badura, Deloris Stanczyk, Jim Stanczyk, Diane Chelewski, and Rose Kowalski.

### **Approval of Minutes**

A copy of the minutes from the monthly meeting on September 17, 2023, was distributed. Janelle Mostek made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted, which was seconded by Stacie Gappa. Motion carried.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Currently, there is \$2,468.28 in the checking account, and \$34,966 in savings, of which \$24.09 is interest. The electric bill of \$65.19 was paid. The grant from the Sherman County Community Foundation of \$2,000 was deposited as well as a donation of \$2,000 from John Turek. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Janelle Mostek and seconded by Betty Poss. Motion carried.

### **Old Business:**

Tony Morrow was contacted about repairing the furnace in the church. He informed Diane and Joe that it is not possible to vent the current furnace without opening the old chimney, which will involve a lot of work and expense. The current furnace is 24 years old, so we are waiting for a bid for a new furnace. It would be possible to add an A/C unit to it, but we could wait until we could afford to do so.

A propane tank has not been located that is in an affordable price range. It is possible to rent one for \$50/year, but we would then be locked into purchasing propane from the company we rent the tank from. It was decided to table this matter until we find out the price of the furnace.

### **New Business**

Stacie Gappa and Diane Jonak had obtained rental agreements from several sources to help us determine what we should have in our rental agreements. After discussion, it was determined that we should include but not be limited to the following:

- ✓ Decorations—no tape, tacks, or nails.
- ✓ No smoking in any of the buildings—smoking is permitted on the grounds outside the fenced area.
- ✓ Catered events are allowed—must have insurance.
- ✓ Alcohol is allowed only in designated areas with a liquor license (SDL), and security must be provided.
- ✓ No keys will be distributed to the renting party—a member of Friends of Paplin will attend the event and open and close the church and/or hall.
- ✓ Glitter, confetti, or confetti bombs are not allowed.
- ✓ Bands and/or music are allowed. Music must cease at or before midnight.
- ✓ When renting the church and/or hall, a \$100 (one hundred dollar) non-refundable deposit will be charged.

- ✓ The church will be rented for traditional Catholic weddings only.
- ✓ Children need to be supervised at all times.
- ✓ No candles.
- ✓ No moving of statues, pictures, or other fixtures in the church.

Rental fees were discussed and how we would make sure we are covered for any damage, electricity, etc. Stacie made a motion that we charge \$250 for rental of the church, \$100 for the hall, and \$300 if renting both. There would be a \$100 deposit to hold either of the buildings (non-refundable), and a \$100 cleaning deposit (refundable). This is just for starters, and we expect to make corrections/deletions/additions. Betty Poss seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Stacie will write up rough draft rental agreements for both the hall and the church, and since she sees Heather Sikyta, our legal counsel, she will run it passed her for any legal issues that might need to be included. We will discuss the rental agreements again at our next meeting.

### **Open Discussion/Additional Comments**

Mike asked about our insurance coverage. Rose said she would contact the Jones group and report back to the membership at the next meeting.

### **Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by Stacie Gappa; seconded by Joe Jonak. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m. by President Mike Gappa. The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, November 19, 2023, at 1 p.m. in Ashton at the Polish Heritage Center.

Minutes submitted by:     Rose A. Kowalski