

Friends of Paplin, Inc.

Meeting Minutes

May 19, 2024, 1 p.m.

Opening

The meeting of the Friends of Paplin, Inc. was called to order at 1:01 p.m. with a prayer on May 19, 2024, at the Polish Heritage Center in Ashton, Nebraska, by President Mike Gappa.

Present

Those present were Mike Gappa, Stacie Gappa, Joe Jonak, Diane Jonak, Mike Ference, Jerome Reimers, and Rose Kowalski.

Approval of Minutes

A copy of the minutes from the monthly meeting on April 21, 2024, was distributed. Diane Jonak made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted, which was seconded by Stacie Gappa. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

There is \$3,389.27 in the checking account, and \$25,329.19 in the savings account. Deposits were made in the amount of \$1,537.50 and payouts of \$10,812.68, included a transfer to savings, payments for supplies, propane, electricity, hall rent (Palm Sunday), ads, and raffle proceeds. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Diane Jonak and seconded by Mike Ference. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Discussion was held on the progress of the search for raffle items for the Our Lady of Mount Carmel Sunday. Mike has secured a Golden Boy, .22 caliber long rifle for one of the items. Those researching the portable grill recommended that we not get one because they were too small. After discussion on other items, it was decided that we will check into a small freezer with a meat certificate vs. a patio set with a fire pit. Diane Jonak and Stacie Gappa will check on these items' prices and availability. They will get back to the group and an e-mail vote will be taken on which item will be offered with the gun as a co-raffle item.

Tickets for the raffle will sell for \$5 per ticket or 3/\$10. We will also have the cash raffle for prizes of two-\$25, \$50, and \$100 and tickets will sell for \$1/each.

Plans for the Our Lady of Mount Carmel Sunday were discussed. Various tasks were assigned. It was decided we would clean the Paplin church and hall on Friday, July 19 and set up on Saturday, July 20. We would appreciate anyone who could help us on either of these days.

Two Maple trees plan to be planted at Mount Carmel to replace the trees that were lost at the recent storm, and one other one that has died.

Janelle Mostek was unable to attend today's meeting but sent a report that she has not had any luck getting any feedback from on the t-shirts. Members volunteered to contact other t-shirt vendors for other opportunities.

New Business

Rose Kowalski was contacted via email/Web Page and phone by Hans De Salas-del Valle, a Creighton law graduate. Hans plans to visit in July to ask us about our desire to participate in a pilgrimage in 2025.

The pilgrimage would be from the old historic Polish churches in NE and would honor and celebrate Pope John Paul II. I will provide more information as I receive it. Fr. Richard will speak to Hans as well.

Joe Jonak had someone look at the shingles on the church. A report will follow at next months' meeting.

Open Discussion/Additional Comments

None.

Adjournment

Rose Kowalski made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Diane Jonak. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 2:01 p.m. by President Mike Gappa with a prayer. The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, June 23, 2024, at 1 p.m. in Ashton at the Polish Heritage Center.

Minutes submitted by: Rose A. Kowalski