

Friends of Paplin, Inc.

Meeting Minutes

August 18, 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 August 18, 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, Jim Stanczyk, Diane Chelewski, Betty Poss, Robert Skorniak, John Turek, and Rose Kowalski.

Approval of Minutes

A copy of the minutes from the monthly meeting on June 23, 2024, was distributed. Diane Jonak made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted with one spelling correction, which was seconded by Mike Ference. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report included the results from the Our Lady of Mount Carmel event in July. The July balance for the checking account is \$6,746.55; the savings account balance is \$38,957.34. The results from the Our Lady of Mount Carmel event were:

Printing of tickets:	\$180.00	Income:	Mass:	\$3,118.00
Music:	50.00		Meal:	1,287.00
Raffle payout	200.00		Raffle:	4,085.00
Petska's porta potties:	290.13		Auction:	4,747.00
Advertising:	<u>166.68</u>	Memberships, Calendars, Bake Sale, Extra donations:		<u>705.50</u>
Total Expenses:	\$886.81	Total Income:		\$13,942.50

Total Income – Total Expenses - \$1,200 starting cash = **\$11,855.69 (NET)**

Diane will apply for another grant from the Tourism Group for money to complete some sidewalk repairs and a ramp to the hall. She will need to procure printed estimates. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Stacey Gappa and seconded by Joe Jonak. Motion carried.

Old Business

Rose met with Hans De Salas-Del Valle and his parents on Saturday, August 17 at Paplin about his proposed plan for a Holy Year Pilgrimage in 2025. It would include historic Polish churches and communities of Nebraska including Paplin. Discussion followed.

Stacie visited with Ord Printing about T-shirts, hoodies, etc. They would print whatever we want (front and/or back), would take orders, and deliver. Members felt this would be the best option and would give us time to have T-shirts for Palm Sunday of 2025. Stacie will bring back more information for the next meeting.

New Business

Results of the Our Lady of Mount Carmel celebration was given during the Treasurer's report. Another new business item was that the air conditioning units donated by the Ference family have been inspected by Wells Plumbing and have been set up for use at the Paplin Church. They will be installed by an electrician in the next couple of weeks.

Rose was given the okay to have additional plates engraved for the donation plaques.

Open Discussion/Additional Comments

None.

Adjournment

Mike Ference made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Joe Jonak. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m. by President Mike Gappa with a prayer. The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, September 15, 2024, at 1 p.m. in Ashton at the Polish Heritage Center.

Minutes submitted by: Rose A. Kowalski