

**Friends of Paplin, Inc.**  
Meeting Minutes  
September 15, 2024, 1 p.m.

**Opening**

The meeting of the Friends of Paplin, Inc. was called to order at 1:02 p.m. with a prayer on September 15, 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, Diane Chelewski, Renee Jonak, and Rose Kowalski.

**Approval of Minutes**

A copy of the minutes from the monthly meeting on August 18, 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**

The August balance for the checking account is \$6,686.08; the savings account balance is \$38,957.34. We received \$160 in memorials and \$280 in donations. Stacie Gappa made a motion to accept the treasurers report seconded by Mike Ference. Motion carried.

**Old Business**

Stacie did not have any information about the T-shirts, but discussion about ideas for a design did follow. We will discuss this topic again next month.

Diane will apply for another grant from the Tourism Group for money. Depending upon the cost to complete the shingle repairs, we may use the money for this expense.

**New Business**

The A/C units have not been installed but plans to do so are in the works.

Joe Jonak brought samples of shingles for replacement on the church roof. These were recommended by Jesus Soto, who will be completing the shingle repairs. One was a more traditional shingle but it will be sealed twice. The other is a thicker shingle. Rose made a motion to go with the more traditional shingle; Stacie Gappa seconded the motion. A raised hand vote showed the motion passed.

Because the shingle damage was a result of a windstorm(s), Rose Kowalski was asked to contact Kori Kieborz to file an insurance claim on behalf of the Friends of Paplin.

Rose discussed the Koch Foundation grant that may help our group. It requires that we be listed in the U.S. Official Catholic Directory (OCD) and that we have a fiscal agent who is listed in the OCD. Rose is working with Fr. Richard to accomplish this requirement. Fr. Richard would be our fiscal agent.

Elections, which would be held in October begs the question—does everyone who is up for election want to retain their offices? Everyone in attendance that is up for election said that they wanted to retain their offices.

## **Open Discussion/Additional Comments**

Renee Jonak stated that the Our Lady of Mount Carmel Altar Society purchased 6 new 8-foot white folding tables. They cost \$84 plus tax. We thank the Altar Society for their support of the Friends of Paplin.

During Ashton Days, Diane Jonak talked to Steve Rasmussen, "The Porta Pottie Guy" who could supply us with porta potties for our July celebration at a cost of \$125/day. This would be a substantial savings over our previous supplier of porta potties.

We discussed having a Mass after the harvest season with games for the children. We also discussed having games for the children at our July Mass. This would get them more involved in the celebration.

## **Adjournment**

Mike Ference made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Joe Jonak. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m. by President Mike Gappa with a prayer. The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 20, 2024, at 1 p.m. in Ashton at the Polish Heritage Center.

Minutes submitted by: Rose A. Kowalski