

Friends of Paplin, Inc.

Meeting Minutes

February 23, 2025, 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 February 23, 2025, at the Polish Heritage Center in Ashton, Nebraska, by President Mike Gappa.

Present

Those present were Mike Gappa, Stacie Gappa, Janelle Mostek, Mike Ference, Jim Stanczyk, Renee Jonak, Betty Poss, Joe Jonak, Diane Jonak, and Rose Kowalski.

Approval of Minutes

A copy of the minutes from the monthly meeting on November 17, 2024, was distributed. Mike Ference made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted, seconded by Stacie Gappa. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

The January balance for the checking account is \$8,700.64, which includes a deposit of a \$2,088 from the Christmas Mass donations from January 1; a \$1,000 donation from Maxine Hurt; and a \$50 donation from Bob and Judy Skorniak. The savings account balance is \$31,085.09 (including \$18.26 interest) and a \$2,088 transfer. The electric bill won't show until February. Rose Kowalski made a motion to accept the treasurers report seconded by Janelle Mostek. Motion carried.

Old Business

Stacie missed messages from the Ord Quiz about the T-shirts, but will have an update for the March 9 meeting. We may pre-order some so we can wear them for the Palm Sunday breakfast.

Diane Chelewski indicated in her treasurer's report that Charlene (Kosmicki) Potter wanted to tour the Paplin Church on Saturday, June 28th from approximately 2 -4 p.m. We will make this time and date available to them.

Other dates we have committed to are April 12th for Sandi and John Mudloff's 50th wedding anniversary, September 26th for the wedding of Terran Jonak and November 8th for the wedding of Whitney Gappa.

Joe Jonak reported that the shingles on the church have not been completed because of the temperature. The temperature has to be warm for the shingles to seal. There is no guarantee from the company if the temperature is too low. Jesus Soto will complete the shingling job when the weather warms and he can procure a lift.

Diane Jonak reported that she has obtained the remaining name plates for the stained-glass windows.

It was discussed that we have coffee and rolls after Mass at next year's New Year's Day Mass. It was discussed because some of the people attending wanted to stay and visit and thought it a good idea. We will try this next year and if it works, may proceed with a full breakfast the year following.

New Business

St. Josaphat's Parish Council donated 6 chairs and 4 chair storage carts to us. They will make it easier for us to store and move the chairs that we have. Rose will send them a thank you card.

It was mentioned that individuals have asked officers and board members what are our next project will be. It was discussed how we have lost out on bookings because we do not have bathrooms available at the Paplin property. It was decided that Mike Gappa and Joe Jonak would contact three or four contractors and obtain bids on three different options on remodeling or replacing the hall at Paplin.

The remainder of the meeting was spent determining our 2025 budget.

Open Discussion/Additional Comments

Diane Jonak mentioned that her daughter, Terran Jonak would like to become a FOP board member. It was discussed and Janelle Mostek made a motion to add Terran Jonak as board member with a second from Mike Ference. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Mike Ference made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Janelle Mostek. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 1:58 p.m. by Facilitator Name. The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, March 9, 2025, at 1 p.m. in Ashton at the Polish Heritage Center.

Minutes submitted by: Rose A. Kowalski