

ST. MARY - HOLY CROSS PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

The parish council meeting was called to order on 1/24/2023 at 6:30:00 PM. Members present were: Lisa Schoening, Doug Jones, Celia Shedd, Tammi McClain, Drew Hanlon, Larry Sauer, Terri Hamm attended by phone.. Guests present were: Lorrie Hanlon.

The opening/closing prayer was led by Lisa Schoening & Celia Shedd. The meeting adjourned at 8:00:00 PM.

The next meeting will be held on 2/21/2023 at 6:30:00 PM.

Amended

MINUTES

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- * The reading of the minutes from the meeting on January 24th, 2023 was waived. Doug made a motion to approve them as written and it was seconded by Tammi. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

B & G

- * Furnace for Office Area: The furnace is currently working okay but its probably just a matter of time before we have trouble again. There was some conflicting information from two of the bidders with one saying that the AC condenser that works with the furnace that needs replacing is just fine. One of the other contractors said that the AC condenser is sized wrong.

The B & G committee arranged for three bids. They are from lowest to highest: 1)Bell Bros for just the furnace, \$4377 and for furnace and AC \$10581 2)Baker Group for furnace only, \$7991 (they did not bid on the AC. 3) Baxter Comfort Solutions for furnace, \$6617 and \$18,065 for furnace and AC. (Bids are attached.) All but Baker Group recommended to replace the AC as well. After discussion Doug Jones made a motion to award the contract to Bell Brothers to replace the furnace only and have it done as soon as possible. The motion was seconded by Sauer and passed unanimously. Drew will coordinate with John Roberts. Tammi McClain will prepare an announcement for the bulletin to make the parishioners aware in hopes that there may be some donations to help defray the cost to the parish.

STEEPLE REPAIR

- * Any further work on the steeple is on hold at the present time. We will discuss it more when we find out how successful our Ignite Capital Campaign was and how much money the parish will receive as our share.

OLD BUSINESS

TECH EQUIPMENT

- * The process of replacing computer hardware continues.

TELEPHONES

- * A motion was made by Doug Jones and seconded by Larry Sauer to allow Kevin Taber to view the latest parish phone account bill from Huxley Communications and speak directly with a phone company representative to determine the best option for the parish phone service and to determine which phone provider to utilize.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

- * AED Training: Terri Hamm will arrange for training session to be held on the first Saturday in March on the AED (Automated External Defibrillator.)

BLOOD DRIVE

- * The next blood drive is on January 26, 2023 from 3:00 PM until 7:00 PM in the church hall. Lisa Schoening said that she and her kids would set up the hall for the drive.

RECTORY

- * Lorrie and Drew Hanlon have the rectory ready to move into. There are just a couple things that Drew will finish up but they said that Father Ross could move in at any time.

IGNITE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

- * The campaign is wrapping up and we should know soon how much money our parish will receive.

THE EUCHARIST

- * The Precious Blood will again be offered at all Masses beginning on January 28, 2023.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS SECURITY

- * When Father Ross arrives we will discuss with him our next steps in building security to include locking the church.

MISCELLANEOUS

- * The altar that Father Andrew was going to have installed is currently in the rectory garage. There is a question as to what can and cannot be done in the church. Terri Hamm said that Father Amadeo told her that any changes to the sanctuary need to be approved by the Director of Worship and that permission was denied to make this change. It was decided that we would wait for Father Ross to weigh in on it but that we need to remove it from the garage before Father Ross arrives. Tim Loraditch told Lisa that he would store the altar for a short time. Lisa will speak with Tim for temporary storage.

HEALING SESSIONS

- * There was about three dozen folks that attended the healing session and concil members who atteneded believed it was effective. The council is hopeful that problems that occurred in the past can be put behind all of us and with Father Ross coming as our priest things will smooth out.

NEW BUSINESS

MISCELLANEOUS

- * There was discussion on how we could move forward faster on issues of concern such as the furnace. Presently it seems that the FC and the PC go back and forth before a decision is made. After discussion it was decided that a policy will be written that will provide for faster turn around time on issues of greater importance.

MEETING TIMES

- * It was decided that the FC and the PC will trade meeting times with the PC meeting on the third Tuesday of each month and the FC meeting on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Hopefully this will increase efficiency by cutting down on time that is required for decisions to be made. Barb will change this on the calendar.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

- * A survey was sent out to all SMHC parents to gather their thoughts on the current RE program. The survey was distributed by John Gafney of the diocese. The survey will close on February 3, 2023. A complaint was received that some did not know the survey was coming out. Some on the the council were aware the survey was coming but did not know when. The diocese has an approved curriculum that parishes can choose to utilize. SMHC does utilize the approved curriculum. CGS is one of the approved curricula.

MISCELLANEOUS

- * In order to lessen turn-around time on issues and keep all the council members informed members made sure that all had each other's phone numbers.

COMPLAINTS

- * Discussion was held on how the PC should handle complaints from parishioners and others. It was decided that a policy will be drafted to address the issue that will include how and who responds to the complainant. It was agreed upon that complaints should also be logged and kept for historical needs. We also need a process on who responds to the complainant and to make sure there is a response. The new policy will be: 1) If a complaint is received it will be forwarded to the president to be placed on the meeting agenda. 2)The complaint will be discussed at the next business meeting of the PC. 3) After discussion the PC will decide who responds to the complainant. 4) A confidential database will be created to record the complaint, and final disposition of the complaint.

MISCELLANEOUS

- * There are several things that need to be addressed such as:the parish handbook, review what Larry sent out, listening session plan, RE review, healing session, time and talent or other survey, communications, volunteers, committees, social activities, prish unity, Tammi's book/ideas, other ideas.

