

ST. MARY - HOLY CROSS PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

The parish council meeting was called to order on 1/25/2022 at 6:30:00 PM. Members present were: J. Roberts, C. Shedd, D. Jones, T. Loraditch, L. Sauer, Father Andrew. Guests present were: None.

The opening prayer was led by Father Andrew. The meeting adjourned at 8:20:00 PM.

The next meeting will be held on 2/22/2022 at 6:30:00 PM.

A list of action items referred to in the minutes are available upon request.

MINUTES

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- * The minutes from the November, 2021 meeting were approved as written. A motion to approve was made by Doug Jones and seconded by Tim Loraditch. The vote was unanimous to approve the minutes. Larry noted after the approval that the date for the meeting in January, 2022 was listed as being on the 25th instead of the correct date of the 26th. Larry will correct the original minutes to the appropriate date. Minutes stand corrected.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE COUNCIL

- * John brought up the past action item of the PC needing a copy of the annual FC report and to what end. Tim offered that he feels it is an issue that there should be some awareness by the PC and that Doug, being a member of the FC, can brief the rest of the PC on the report. Tim inquired if the FC annual report was posted anywhere or if a diocesan rule/policy required posting of the annual report. Doug said that he was not aware that it was posted anywhere. Father Andrew said that the diocese requires that it be presented to the parish. Doug said that there is a summary of the report each year that is available. For 2021 this was done at a couple different Masses by members of the FC. The action item from a previous meeting was marked complete. Reference AI #5.
- * Ignite Capital Campaign - There is a \$360,000 goal for our parish. They do the campaign every ten years but we have three years to raise the money. The PC role in the drive will be to have a couple of members represented on the committee that will work to raise funds from parish members. The diocese will have a hand in setting up the method but Father Andrew will ultimately be responsible with input from the PC. The parish does not have to provide any shortfall at the conclusion of the campaign.

B & G

- * Water Softener - There are two quotes for this project, one from Culligan and one from Kinetico. The Culligan quote is \$4,600.00 and the Kinetico is \$4,695. The Kinetico system was selected to be installed due to less mechanical issues and upkeep. In October the second collection at Mass was designated for the system. For the weekend of January 8 and 9 the amount was \$195.00 collected in offerings and \$105.00 in auto dentations from parish members that also fell under B & G funds. There was also a \$4,000 donation from the K of C, and \$500 from a parishioner for a total of \$4800 collected for this project. The PC is very appreciative of

all who donated to this project. The system is tentatively scheduled to be installed on February 17, 2022. Reference AI #82.

- * Social Hall Ceiling Repair - The same problem occurred just recently with the social hall where the ceiling meets the wall. This is apparently caused by temperature changes with expansion and contraction causing the tape to separate. It has been repaired again. We will wait and see if we continue to have the problem. Reference AI #52.
- * Carpet Cleaning - John has quotes from two cleaning companies, one from First Pro Carpet Cleaning for \$2178.52 and from Dream Steam for \$2985.00. These quotes are for the St. Mary location. A motion was made by Doug to grant the current carpet cleaning to First Pro to clean what was listed on their estimate and to add the rectory and Holy Cross to the bid and to submit to FC for payment. The motion was seconded by Celia. The motion passed unanimously. We will wait until after the K of C fish fries and winter to clean the social hall and ed center. In the future will include the rectory and Holy Cross. This should be a budgeted item annually in the B & G budget. Reference AI #9.
- * Steeple Repair - The latest recommendation is that we hire a structural engineer. This should be a priority on our project list. Tim and Doug will continue to identify a structural engineer to determine the next steps. Reference AI #10.
- * Holy Cross Security System - Celia has not had the opportunity yet to meet with her friend who is in the business. She will follow up ASAP. This will continue under action item #23.

OLD BUSINESS

NATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE

- * Doug stated in the future the FC will discuss how to budget for this trip to avoid last minute requests for money. They will meet with members of the youth group to discuss the issue. In the future the FC will handle this issue. Reference AI #21.

CHURCH HISTORY

- * Larry has a meeting with Laurie Phelan on 02-18-22 to discuss the how to archive and record parish history. Reference AI #56.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

- * Defibrillators - A Phillips on-site automated external defibrillator (AED) has been purchased for Holy Cross by one of our parishioner families. A second will be purchased for St. Mary as money permits. Larry will write a short article for the bulletin on the importance of having the defibrillators in the church and perhaps someone will want to donate for the second one. Larry made a motion with a suggestion from Doug to proceed on a 2nd purchase for St. Mary using the quote from Holy Cross purchase. It was seconded by Tim. It was approved unanimously. Celia stated that we should find out the life of the devices for future budgeting purposes. Reference AI #23.

PARISH UNITY

- * Parish Survey - A follow-up discussion from the November, 2021 meeting was held to address several topics under the Parish Unity heading to address return to Mass, parishioner participation and membership procedures. The February meeting would include a tentative work session as suggested by Celia session on results. The diocese is in the process of doing a survey. This project will continue under the original action item #15.

B & G

- * Audio System - Further discussion was held on being able to hear during Mass. A few parishioners have reported having trouble hearing Father Andrew. There was some discussion about other possible devices to improve being able to hear for those who need it. John will talk with Greg Richwine to ascertain if any adjustments have been made to the sound system. Reference AI #17.

NEW BUSINESS

COMMITTEE & DATE ORGANIZATION

- * There was discussion about how the calendar is/should be set up every year so that the schedule of events is known ahead of time.

MISC. ITEMS

- * Altar - Father has an opportunity to obtain an additional altar for the church. This would mean rearranging the altar area. The PC is okay with this addition if approved by the diocese. Father Andrew will work on this project.