

ST. MARY - HOLY CROSS PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

The parish council meeting was called to order on 12/13/2022 at 6:30:00 PM. Members present were: Father Amadeo, Doug Jones, Larry, Sauer, Celia Shedd, Tammi McClain, Drew Hanlon, Terri Hamm, Lisa Schoening. Guests present were: Garret McClain.

The opening/closing prayer was led by Father Amadeo. The meeting adjourned at 8:03:00 PM.

The next meeting will be held on 1/24/2023 at 6:30:00 PM.

Amended The next meeting may be on the 17th of January if the PC and FC switch dates.

MINUTES

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- * The minutes from the November 22, 2023 meeting were approved as written. Doug moved to approve the minutes and it was seconded by Celia. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE/PARISH ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS

Stewardship

Ladies Christmas Party

- * The Christmas party was held on Dec 12, 2022.

B & G

Gutters

- * The B & G committee is still awaiting a bid on gutter replacement.

HVAC

- * Father Amadeo inquired if there was any progress on the repair of the furnace in the administrative office area. It is not working properly. Bell Brothers has been out to see what is needed and they feel it should be replaced. It would cost about \$700 to repair it. Drew believes it is about 10 years old. In February of 2021 the blower motor modulator had to be repaired/replaced for a cost of \$940. It was debated back then to replace the furnace which would have been at a cost of \$3750. It now needs a new gas valve and circuit board at an estimated cost of \$620. A new one now be around \$4500. This would not include replacing the AC unit. At this point it has not been decided to repair or replace. We do have a contract with Bell Brothers for service but it is not known whether that includes new equipment. Celia made a motion to repair the furnace not to exceed \$750. It was seconded by Doug. All voted in favor. This could change if Bell Bros does not want to complete the work.

HC Electrical Service

- * Drew advised that the electrical service at Holy Cross has been completed.

Miscellaneous Items

- * Drew said that he and Lorri took a walk around the rectory to see what was needed in the way of furnishings for the new incoming priest and they didn't think that a lot was needed.

Knights of Columbus

Donations

- * The Knights of Columbus generously donated \$4000 towards new computer equipment and wi-fi updates for the parish which were needed very badly. They also donated \$2000 towards new furniture for the rectory. The Knights are able to make these donations in part due to the great attendance at the KC fish fries. Thank you Knights!

Social Events

- * The first KC fish fry for 2023 will be on February 24.

OLD BUSINESS

Technology Information

Phone/Internet Service

- * Lisa gave an update on the phone lines coming into the church. Our provider is Huxley Communications and they do have fiberoptics service. The current monthly cost for the phone/internet service is \$65 and Barb Liske told Lisa it is going to go down a little bit. The church also receives a dividend check at the end of the year and this year is expected to be around \$800. There was discussion on how many actual phones are needed. If we used Ring Central to lease the phones there is a \$25 per month charge. The question was asked if we could buy or provide our own phones. Further research for the rectory and the church will be done by Lisa.

Finance

- * Discussion was conducted on what payment method would be used to buy the tech equipment as right now the church credit card has a \$500 limit. Doug will talk to Barb about getting a temporary limit increase until the equipment is purchased.

Health and Safety

Training

- * Terri indicated that the person that was going to do some first responder training got sick so this will be scheduled for January after the holidays.

Blood Drive

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- * Larry offered to coordinate the blood drives with help from the other committees and parishioners.

B & G

Steeple

- * There is no update on the steeple repair.

Ignite Capital Campaign

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- * Seventy-nine pledges thus far have been submitted for a total of \$193,325 which is 54% of the parish goal. Father said that we will soon do a commitment weekend where everyone who comes to church is asked to fill out a pledge card. If they have already pledged the card will be marked as so and if not they will be asked to complete a card. The more that is pledged, the more our parish will get back.

Security

Church Closure

- * There was discussion about the juveniles who hid inside the church a few months ago and what action was taken. Father Amadeo was of the understanding that the police were called and they were going to speak with the parents.

When we have a new priest we will again discuss when the church will be locked for the evening. In the meantime, Larry will look into an auto-locking device again with another door company that did the original work on the existing doors. For now we will rotate persons locking the door in the evening.

Religious Ed

Review

- * Father Amadeo: This is still in the design phase and will include input from parents on the traditional model and CGS (Catechesis of the Good Shepard).

Parish Communications

Healing Sessions

- * Father Amadeo: Tom Green is doing one session that begins with a reflexion component and ends with a prayer service. This will be on Thursday, January 12, 2023 at St. Mary. Weather date will be January 19, 2023. Barb will put this out to the parishioners.

NEW BUSINESS

Finance Council

Meeting Dates

- * Celia had conversation with Heidi Ackerman regarding switching the FC and PC meetings so the PC will meet earlier than the FC. This would hopefully result in quicker turn-around times for issues that need more immediate attention. Celia will discuss it further with Heidi.

Budget and Finance

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- * Tabled for the present.

Membership

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- * How do we know who is still a member or is shown as a member but not attending. Who are the registered members? Father said that typically letters are sent out throughout the year through USPS to parishioners for various things. If the person has moved the letter is returned and the parish knows that the information is not accurate. A census or talent survey could be a way to track membership. This issue will be discussed further to come up with a method of tracking current membership.

Mass Practices

Precious Blood

- * We received a complaint about the Precious Blood not being offered at Mass. The problem is, we are short on Eucharistic Ministers of the Holy Communion. Father Amadeo said that we need to have all Masses covered before we begin again. We really need Ministers for the 10:00 Mass. Requests for volunteers have been publicized to no avail.

B & G

Furnishings

- * Doug Jones: The Knights will write a check to St. Marys' for the furniture needed in the rectory. Father said that most of the things needed are not significant.

Miscellaneous Items

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- * Father Amadeo informed the council that this would probably be his last meeting and that by mid winter we would have a new priest. Father thanked all the members for their service. Father suggested that the council needs to be careful of micro managing the FC and that the FC and B & G should work out the details of work that needs to be completed. He thought that everyone would be very pleased with the new priest.