

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

Date: April 28, 2021

Time: 6:30 PM

Facilitator: Doug Jones

Mission Statement:

In Attendance

- Father Andrew
- John Fisher
- Tim Loraditch – Recorder
- Stacey Rooney - absent
- Doug Jones - Chair
- John Roberts
- Andrew Cory - Guest

Opening Remarks

- Open with prayer

Approval of Minutes

- Minutes from March 2021 – John Roberts motion for approval, Tim Loraditch seconds. Motion approved.

Committee Reports

- Finance Council Update (Summary to be presented by Doug Jones)
- Building & Grounds (John Roberts)
 - Water Softener
 - PC voted to proceed with funding
 - Action Item: Father Andrew to follow up with potential funding (memorial fund)
 - Next items to prioritize is internal cosmetic issues like the ceiling, alter area, etc.
 - Prioritization
 1. Social Hall ceiling repairs
 - a. Parish Hall needs to be closed for two weeks
 - b. Action Item: John Roberts to follow up with Scott on more specific cost.

- 2. Water Softener
- 3. Replace sidewalk
 - Potential hazard
- Add Wishlist to Website for parishioner review
 - Action Item: Doug Jones to work with Barb to get list published with minutes
- Added Item
 - Permanent bathroom at HC
 - Potentially work with county to add bathroom as part of the park
 - Could be an issue with historical status
- Barb and Father has been overseeing insurance for weather damages
 - Claims have been submitted still waiting for a response.
 - John Roberts to follow up with Linn Scheurs on insurance at HC
- Long Range Planning
 - This should be a living document shared with PC for awareness/discussion
- Prioritization of needs for B&G
 - 1 year
 - 5 years
 - 10 years and beyond

Old Business

- Elkhart Betterment Committee Proposal
 - City has discussed building a street in front of St Mary's to access ground to the north of church property
 - Potential of other solutions like another developer purchasing the land which would make them responsible for the street
 - Tabled discussion until further notice.
 - Father and John Robert will continue to work with Diocese on ownership of the street.
 - Specifically for the purpose of liability.
- Church History
 - Currently tabled for future consideration.
- Bring back tithing basket but with a pole
 - Action item: John Fisher to explore options/costs for baskets on poles.
- Returning to church – how do we get more people attending and tithing
 - Ask barb to provide weekly attendance for the last three years.
- Action: Next meeting we need to discuss terms and new members.
 - New term year will start July 1 every year.
 - Election for new officers in June
 - Action Item: Tim to write election blurb and contact Barb to have her put in bulletin

New Business

- Parishioner letters

- Father presented the beginnings of a letter. Will continue to flesh out.
 - Action item: Father to draft a letter to send out via mail to parishioners.
- KOC Insurance agent wants to have access to full parish list to send out a mailer.
 - A couple PC members gave pushback on this subject
 - Father discussed other options
- Drone Race on Green Space
 - June 26th (Saturday)
 - Doug Jones fist, John Fisher – second - Approved

Closing Remarks

- Close with prayer

Next Meeting

May 25, 2021 | 6:30 pm, St. Mary's Catholic Church, Elkhart, Iowa