

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

Date: February 23, 2021

Time: 6:30 PM

Facilitator: Doug Jones

Mission Statement:

In Attendance

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

Opening Remarks

- Open with prayer

Approval of Minutes

- Minutes from January 2021
 - Motion to Accept: John Roberts motion, Stacey Rooney Second – motion passes

Committee Reports

- Finance Council Update (Summary presented by Father)
 - ADA went down marginally
 - RE is above budget
- Building & Grounds (John Roberts)
 - Roof repair
 - Roof has been signed off by Father, trustees are signing off and Legends will sign off soon
 - Legends anticipates new roof will go on in 4-6 weeks
 - Furnace issue
 - Had to have a blower replace
 - The company failed to do a fall maintenance

- Should also get a report after each service, which they have failed to offer (bell brothers)
- May need to consider a new company to serve our equipment
- Water Softener
 - John met with Culligan guy who took samples
 - Several options including a just hot water system
 - Initial thought is that we would do a whole system
 - Based on decision they will offer a quote soon
- 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
 - Doug met with Better Committee
 - They agreed to offer us something in writing.
 - Waiting for return information
- Church History
 - Currently tabled for future consideration.
- Bring back tithing basket but with a pole
 - Diocese has approved this method

New Business

- Discussion around communication to the parish and survey
 - Discussion around sending a letter to all parishioners
 - Should the letter come from Father or PC
 - Father to draft a letter two weeks
 - PC members will draft 5-7 questions to have collaborated
- Action: Tim will collect and use to create a survey
- Parishioner letters
- Mask mandate conversation
 - Lively conversation about masks in church
- Action: Next meeting we need to discuss terms and new members.
 - Add information in survey to recruit new PC and Finance council
 - Recruit new members
 - Action: Tim will review old meeting notes for information

Closing Remarks

- Close with prayer

Next Meeting

March 23, 2021 | 6:30 pm, St. Mary's Catholic Church, Elkhart, Iowa