

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

Date: June 22, 2021

Time: 6:30 PM

Facilitator: Doug Jones

In Attendance

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

Opening Remarks

- Open with prayer
- Welcome to our new members!

Approval of Minutes

- Minutes from May 2021 – Motion: John Roberts, Second: John Fisher. Approved

Committee Reports

- Finance Council Update (summary to be presented by Doug Jones)
 - Budget was approved for next year
 - John Fisher to Join FC
- Building & Grounds (John Roberts)
 - Return of Capital Campaign Collection

We have a list of things that need to be done at our Churches and some things that we would like to see done, so we are bringing back this collection on the first full weekend of each month beginning July 3/4. Envelopes are included in your tithe packet or available on the table. You can also donate by ACH like for your tithes. Thank you for your generosity in keeping our facilities and property in good shape.
 - Water Softener
 - PC voted to proceed with funding
 - \$500 memorial approved
 - Need to find a balance of \$4100 to cover the cost
 - May 31, 2021 Building Fund Balance \$9,457.93

- Goal is to have \$10k on hand
 - \$19,870.10 in Memorial Money “Donor Restricted Cash” account
 - Need a list of who and how much and if there are restrictions on how the funds are use.
 - **ACTION ITEM: Doug Jones to follow up**
 - 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. Action: John will
 - i. coordinate timeline for social hall closure for 2 weeks and one weekend.
 - b) Doug to get consensus from FC regarding the donation (billing the church and donating funds back) – **Donation should be specifically to B&G**
 - 2) Water Softener -proceeding with finding funding as noted above.
 - 3) Replace sidewalk
 - 4) New leakage noted in the bell tower.
 - a) Action: Doug will continue to investigate the source of leakage.
 - 5) The cable for the lightening rod needs reconnected after the roof repair,
 - a) Iowa Legends has been notified.
 - i. **STILL NOT COMPLETE BY IOWA LEGENDS – John Fisher to follow up**
 - 6) Exhaust fan in the kitchen is leaking. Bell Brothers has been contacted.
 - Long Range Planning
 - This should be a living document shared with PC for awareness/discussion

Old Business

- Church History
 - Currently tabled for future consideration.
- Catholic Charities Emergency Family Shelter
 - Parish Council is responsible for the meal on June 13.
 - **Action-Stacey will arrange and deliver meal, with \$20 donation from each member.**
- Defibrillators-Stacey presented price options for a Phillips AED for \$1175. We would need one for each building. Budget will need to be explored. There is a grant application from the Iowa Heart Foundation for a free AED. Action-Stacey will complete and submit application.
 - **Action Item: Stacey to collect and fill out paperwork**

New Business

- PC Elections
 - What process does the Council want to use for handing out, collecting, and tallying ballots?
 - What to do about those who have called and said they will not be at Mass?
 - Will voting take place before Mass?
 - Will Father or someone from PC give specifics before voting takes place or will that be done via the announcements?
 - Should be mentioned that voting is for parish members only.
- Handrail for lectors

- Tabled as part of a greater project for the Alter area
- Church Steeple Repairs
 - Bell tower does have a “Bell” that works...how?
 - Possibility that the church has a historical site status w/ the possibility of renovation money.
 - Action item: Stacey to follow up.

Closing Remarks

- Father Andrew closed with a prayer.

Next Meeting

July 27, 2021 | 6:30 pm, St. Mary’s Catholic Church, Elkhart, Iowa