

# PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

## MINUTES

**Date:** September 22, 2020

**Time:** 6:30 PM

**Facilitator:** Doug Jones

Mission Statement:

### In Attendance

- Doug Jones - Chair
- Tim Loraditch – Recorder
- Fr. Andrew Windschitl
- John Fisher
- Stacy Rooney
- Will Bates
- John Roberts
  
- Andrew Cory, Elkhart Community Betterment - guest

### Opening Remarks

- Open with prayer

### Approval of Minutes

- Minutes from August 25, 2020
  - Motion to approve – Tim, second – Will - Approved

### Committee Reports

- Guest – Andrew Cory from ECBC
  - Discussion of future Elkhart expansion
- Finance Council Update (Summary to be presented by Doug Jones)
  - Year-end financial report to diocese
  - Financial report card to the parish
    - Some to report to the Parish about current financial stability of St. Mary/Holy Cross
  - Dave Pottebaum to stepdown in December of 2020
    - Father is in conversation with a person as a potential replacement for Dave

- Building & Grounds (John Roberts)
  - Roof damage estimates at SM & at HC
    - ACTION: John Roberts will work with Scott to bring additional quote and a recommendation to the council for action.
      - Last roof replacement 1999 – Wood Shingle Co. DSM - \$27,832
        - Advantage Exteriors bid - \$135,219
        - Iowa Legends \$44,176
          - Also a 50 year shingle
      - Do we need one more bid?
        - With the huge difference we are going to look at a third quote
      - Update on Insurance claim
        - Adjuster has been out twice, we are still waiting for a response.
      - Explore options of potential gap money if we don't have enough cash on hand if needed.
    - Potential need for a water softener system
      - B&G to explore cost
        - ACTION: John Roberts will cost explore cost
  - 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

- Finance Council Recruitment – Chair is retiring December 2020
  - Develop/discuss a plan moving forward
- Possible daily mass time change for HC – Geneveve Loraditch
  - ACTION: Father to communicate with staff/RE about needs
- Survey Discussion
  - Google and Survey Monkey offer free services
  - Need to have a small amount of questions
  - OLIH did a survey
    - Action: Father to get copy of and results from OLIH survey

## New Business

- A request has been made by a parishioner for a “masks only” mass
  - We will add question about a “mask only” Mass before taking action
- Sues email about singing at mass
  - Potential for bringing back cantors
    - Abbreviated entrance/Exit and Psalm

- Recommendation that SM/HC bring back some level of music back to mass
  - ACTION: Father will discuss this with Sue
- Receiving communion on the tongue
  - Diocese has guidelines for taking communion on the tongue
  - Discussion about a reminder to parishioners about receiving on the tongue
    - Action: Father will have a reminder posted in the bulletin

## Closing Remarks

- Close with prayer

## Next Meeting

October 27, 2020 | 6:30 pm, St. Mary's Catholic Church, Elkhart, Iowa