

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

Date: March 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 February 2021
 - Motion to Accept: John fisher, second John Roberts. Motion passes

Committee Reports

- Finance Council Update (Summary to be presented by Doug Jones)
- Building & Grounds (John Roberts)
 - Roof repair
 - Repair is underway and should be done by the close of the week (March 27)
 - Water Softener
 - Purchase option
 - \$4,600 covers installation and first salt fill. We would own the softener system with this purchase
 - Lease Option
 - \$156.72 per month for a 36-month lease
 - \$124.11 per month for a 48-month lease

- \$104.19 per month for a 60-month lease (lease options would include any parts needed for repairs over the life of the lease. This would not include salt or labor charges
 - PC believes this would be a wise decision to purchase.
 - Motion to proceed with purchase pending funding. John Fisher motion, Doug Jones Second. Motion passes
 - **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.
 - Parish Hall area
 - Mold in church ceiling
 - Alter area B&G
- **Action item: Review hit list. John Roberts**
- **Action Item: B&G should meet before next PC meeting. John Roberts**
- 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 Council met 3/15 to discuss a proposal
 - Spoke with Andrew Cory after the meeting and he said they are not ready to come back to the church yet with a written offer so we can leave this on the agenda
- 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

New Business

- Parishioner letters
 - **Action item: Father to draft a letter to send out via mail to parishioners.**
- 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**
 - Insurance agent wants to have access to full parish list to send out a mailer.
 - A couple PC members gave pushback on this subject
 - Tabled this topic for Father to consider.

Closing Remarks

- Close with prayer

Next Meeting

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