

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

Date: July 27, 2021

Time: 6:30 PM

Facilitator: Doug Jones

In Attendance

- Father Andrew
- Celia Shedd
- Doug Jones - Chair
- John Roberts
- Larry Saur
- Tammi McClain
- Tim Loraditch – Recorder

Opening Remarks

- Open with prayer
- Welcome to our new members!
 - Larry
 - Tami
 - Celia

Approval of Minutes

- Minutes from June 2021 – Motion: Tim L., Larry second. Motion passed

Committee Reports

- Finance Council Update (summary to be presented by Doug Jones)
 - Storm is going to attend next FC meeting
 - Annual report due by Sep. 30
- Building & Grounds (John Roberts)
 - Water Softener
 - PC voted to proceed with funding
 - This project has been bumped due to Steeple
 - 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 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)
 - 2. Water Softener -proceeding with finding funding as noted above
 - 3. New leakage noted in the bell tower.
 - Action: Doug will continue to investigate the source of leakage.
 - a. Met with a contractor for a bid - Breiholz Construction Company
 - b. Scott Turczynski (Heartland) will follow-up with Bryan Myers at Neumann Brothers and find a third contractor
 - 4. The cable for the lightening rod needs reconnected after the roof repair, Iowa Legends has been notified.
 - a. This has been re-attached
 - 5. Exhaust fan in the kitchen is leaking.
 - a. Bell Brothers has been out to inspect – waiting for their report
 - Caulking has been done
 - No flashing currently in that area, but should be ok because the space is so small
 - 6. Lightening rod needs to be reattached
 - a. This has been done.
- o Long Range Planning
 - This should be a living document shared with PC for awareness/discussion

Old Business

- Church History
 - o Currently tabled for future consideration.
 - Action Item: Larry to follow up Lori Phelan about this and my take it on.
- 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.
 - o Action Item: Doug Jones to follow up with Stacey
- Handrail for lectors – Drew Hanlon volunteered to add a railing (location approved by Father)
- Church Steeple Repairs
 - o One contractor came out to look so far, Breiholz Construction Company
 - *Our hourly rate for craftsman is \$65/hour All material, equipment and subcontractor work to be invoiced at cost All materials subject to sales tax Breiholz labor subject to a 4% small tool charge All above costs subject to a 15% OH&P markup*
 - *I cannot guarantee that we can raise the steeple roof back to its original condition, but we will do our best to stabilize the roof from further settlement at a minimum. If we discover structurally unsafe conditions in the roof structure, we reserve the right to call a structural engineer to visit the site and provide guidance at the owners expense.*
 - *My guess would be between \$10,000-\$15,000 but will not be held to that*
 - o The Diocese has a B&G guy that could give us guidance
 - Action: John Roberts to contact
 - o Action Item: Doug Jones to continue to follow up with quotes.

New Business

- Noon Mass
 - Used as a teaching Mass.
 - Will have aspects of traditional mass included
 - Additional mass will help acclimate people
 - Will have fellowship after mass
 - Potluck
 - Catechesis
 - Concern over communication about Mass.
 - Action Item: Father Andrew: Possibility of a bulletin insert explaining aspects of the Noon Mass
- Two-year member that replaced Will's spot
 - Larry to replace will and will be on a 2-year term.
 - Celia and Tami will be on full 3-year terms
- Policy and Bi-law
 - Possibility of a mission statement
 - Something that will clarify what the PC does
 - Revisit having committees come back to meetings
 - Rules on how to replace chair/co-chair/recorder
 - Table topics to next meeting
- PC Recorder and Chair positions
 - Chair: John Roberts
 - Co-Chair: TBD
 - Recorder: Larry Saur
- PC Meeting time and day?
 - Maintain the same date and time
- Reminder to Parishioners that a second collection for B&G.
 - Have in announcements that a list of needs is on the website.
- Have Barb add ceiling issues in the bulletin, so parish knows the work is getting done.
 - Action: John Roberts to follow up with Barb for both ceiling and collection fund.

Closing Remarks

- Father Andrew to close with prayer

Next Meeting

August 24, 2021 | 6:30 pm, St. Mary's Catholic Church, Elkhart, Iowa