

ST. MARY - HOLY CROSS PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

The parish council meeting was called to order on 3/22/2022 at 6:30:00 PM. Members present were: Father Andrew, Roberts, Jones, McClain, Sauer, Loraditch. Guests present were: None.

The opening prayer was led by Father Andrew. The meeting adjourned at 7:53:00 PM.

The next meeting will be held on 4/26/2022 at 6:30:00 PM.

Amended

MINUTES

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- * Minutes for 03-08-22 - Minutes were approved as written. Motion to approve by Jones and second by Loraditch. Approved unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Council

- * Capital Campaign - Father Andrew is still waiting for some information from the dioceses. We will need parishioner volunteers to contact parishioners about fund raising for this campaign. Anyone interested should contact Father Andrew.

B & G

- * Security System at Holy Cross - Celia is gone so will table until next meeting.
- * Steeple Repair - Doug will meet the representative from Tometich engineering on March 28th for the inspection of the steeple area.
- * Sanctuary Wall Damage - Doug thought that the wall was plastered and that the plaster was separating. That is not the case. In 1988, the wall was repaired because there were cracks coming through the plaster. Drew Hanlon has tried to repair the area several times. Underneath the present covering on the wall is hollow clay tile/block. There is plaster over the clay tile/block. In the late 80's in an attempt to cover the cracks, the walls were papered with a heavy paper. Since then, possibly due to water leakage prior to the time the outside walls were tuck pointed or lack of a moisture barrier, the paper has begun to crack and stain. It does not feel like there is moisture underneath the paper at this time. John wonders if there is some way to tell if moisture is getting behind the paper. Doug will ask Tometich to look at the sanctuary wall damage when he looks at the steeple.
- * Steeple and Sanctuary - John stated that an anonymous parishioner has donated \$2000 for repairs. Accepted with deepest gratitude.
- * Ceiling In Nave Area - There are numerous stained spots on the ceiling. No one is sure if these

are old before the roof was repaired or since then. More research is needed.

- * Carpet Cleaning - All the carpet cleaning is complete except the social hall and the ed center. They will be done after the fish fries.
- * Water Softener - Has been installed. We need to make sure there is a maintenance schedule policy. Doug said that very little salt is needed for the softener. Only enough to cover the water at the bottom. Kinetico will come replace the filter after a year for nothing. We will do it after that.

OLD BUSINESS

B & G

- * Church Audio System - John has not yet had an opportunity to speak with Greg Richwine.

Church History

- * Church History - Larry has prepared a document asking for volunteers to serve on a church history committee. He will send it to Barb to be posted in the bulletin.

Health and Safety

- * Defibrillators - Celia is going to check with the person who donated the HC machine to see if they wish to remain anonymous. Father Andrew will check with the person who donated for the St. Mary machine to see if they wish to remain anonymous. Their generosity is deeply appreciated!

Committees

- * Committees and Date Organization - Tim sent an email out but no one responded with any news from the particular church committees. Tim pointed out in his email that committee members are welcome to attend the PC Council meeting. We are looking for a list of all the committees.

Miscellaneous Items

- * Additional Altar - Father said that there is no update on this issue. The altar that we have an opportunity to obtain at no cost would be placed at the back of sanctuary where the chairs used to be. The tabernacle would be returned to the center between the two altars.

Human Resources

- * Hiring Procedures - Tim has reached out to Barb and to the diocese regarding guidelines or policies for hiring personnel for the parish. He will report further on this after he makes contact with Barb and the HR director for the diocese. Tim will check on a complete policy manual that will cover all issues.

Mass Practices

- * Returning to Mass practices that subsided during covid. Father Andrew heard unsubstantiated information that the cup of the precious blood may be returning for those who wish to partake.

NEW BUSINESS

Miscellaneous Items

- * Laudato Si' Action Platform - Tim Kautza request the PC to seriously consider participating in this initiative and encouraging the support of parishioners, other parish leaders, and staff.

From the Pope - On November 14, 2021 Pope Francis invited “all people of good will to exercise active citizenship for the care of their common home” through a collaborative effort between the Vatican and an international coalition of Catholic organizations. Known as the Laudato Si' Action Platform, this initiative invites parishes, dioceses, etc. globally to put into actions Pope Francis' teachings in his encyclical Laudato Si' (On Care for Our Common Home) to help stave off global warming and climate change for the sake of poor and vulnerable people today and future generations.

A motion was made by Doug to investigate forming a Friends of St. Francis committee to look into Laudato Si' Action Platform. Second by Sauer. Passed unanimously.

OTHER

Parish Survey

- * Parish Survey - More discussion was held on what should be included in a survey. The survey needs to be short and ensures that we ask questions that will bring people back to Mass and make us better. Tammi thinks questions about the different committees should be included. What are the objectives? Larry will continue to work on the draft based on our discussions.