

## ST. MARY - HOLY CROSS PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

The parish council meeting was called to order on 6/20/2023 at 6:30:00 PM. Members present were: Father Parker, Doug Jones, Celia Shedd, Tammi McClain, Drew Hanlon, Terri Hamm and Lisa Schoening. Guests present were: None.

The opening/closing prayer was led by Father Parker. The meeting adjourned at 7:47:00 PM.

The next meeting will be held on 8/8/2023 at 6:30:00 PM.

### MINUTES

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Tabled  Amended  \* The minutes from the May, 2023 meeting were approved with an amended next-meeting date from May 16, 2023 to June 20, 2023. A motion was made by Hanlon to approve the minutes and it was seconded by Jones. The motion passed unanimously.

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### COMMITTEE/GROUP REPORTS

#### STEWARDSHIP

Tabled  Amended  \* Tammi: The celebration for Father Parker's 10 year ordination celebration and the volunteer recognition event was a success with an estimated 100-115 in attendance. There was discussion about how we should budget for future events.

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Tabled  Amended  \* Tammi: The Knights donated all of the proceeds (\$200) from the Holy Cross pancake breakfast on May 28, 2023 to the cemetery committee.

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## OLD BUSINESS

### TECH/PHONE EQUIPMENT

- Tabled  Amended  \* Lisa: Kevin Taber is having difficulty getting the current elevator company to respond to questions for an emergency phone line upgrade in the elevator.

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### BLOOD DRIVE

- Tabled  Amended  \* Larry: The blood drive conducted on May 25, 2023 resulted in nineteen units of whole blood and four units of double red cells being collected. The next blood drive event is on Aug 31, 2023. There was discussion on how to get more volunteers to help with the drives. One suggestion was to get the various groups and committees to take responsibility for a specific drive. Tammi will also utilize the Sign-Up Genius to recruit assistance.

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### STEEPLE REPAIR

- Tabled  Amended  \* Drew: Plans to repair the steeple are underway. After further inspection the damage is not as bad as initially thought. The majority of the work will be completed by parishioners.

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### IGNITE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

- Tabled  Amended  \* Father Parker: Father advised there was an accounting error by the diocese in the amount of \$5000 which will reduce the amount we receive back. Father will seek clarification from the diocese on what this means for the parish.

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### SECURITY

- Tabled  Amended  \* Doug: We have the KnoxBox which will allow the fire department access to the church in the case of an emergency. We are waiting for it to be installed.

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### SANCTUARY

- Tabled  Amended  \* Discussion is ongoing on how to make the sanctuary area aesthetically pleasing. Father will seek input from the parishioners and further guidance from the diocese.

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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Tabled  Amended  \* After some discussion with some parishioners, Father believes there has possibly been a misunderstanding of our current program. He thinks we need to get more information out to the parish so there is complete understanding of the program and our goals. He will continue to work on the issue and have something done by this coming Fall.

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## ELECTIONS

Tabled  Amended  \* Since the last meeting Larry prepared a draft policy for PC elections. The policy was reviewed and further discussion held. One issue is the time of the elections which have been held in July in the past. In the Pastoral Council Guidelines of the dioceses it states: "After an entire council or individual members have served their tenure (perhaps after 3 years), new membership may be called together in the Fall of the year (September). In the parish, a new pastor is then able to have several months to familiarize himself with the community." Moving the process to the fall would also avoid vacation times and busy summer schedules. As the process moves forward, input from parishioners and the recent parish survey will be considered.

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## DONATION POLICY

Tabled  Amended  \* A discussion was held on how donations by parishioners and others would be distributed to ensure the wishes of the donors are fulfilled. Specific forms and letters will be created to meet these wishes.

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## MISCELLANEOUS

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Tabled  Amended  \* There will not be a meeting in July, 2023.

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