

ST. MARY - HOLY CROSS PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

The parish council meeting was called to order on 4/18/2023 at 6:30:00 PM. Members present were: Father Parker, Doug Jones, Tammi McClain, Terri Hamm, Lisa Schoening. Guests present were: Sara Baumberger and Candy Zidon.

The opening/closing prayer was led by Father Parker. The meeting adjourned at 8:00:00 PM.

The next meeting will be held on 5/16/2023 at 7:25:00 PM.

MINUTES

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Table Amende * The minutes from the February 21, 2022 meeting were approved as written. Terri made a motion to approve the minutes and it was seconded by Doug.

COMMITTEE/GROUP REPORTS

CEMETERY

- Table Amende * Tammi: The cemetery committee wants to remind everyone about the policies regarding the cemetery. They will be posted in the next newsletter in the middle of May and they are also on the parish website. The second collection on Memorial day weekend will all go towards the cemetery. Terri said there are some problems with cemetery plot records which the committee is trying to address.

STEWARDSHIP

- Table Amende * Tammi: 1)The scholarship deadline is the beginning of May. 2)The newsletter in the middle of May will feature some things on Care for our Common Home(See Link 1 below)that Tim Kautza leads. 3)Graduating seniors. 4)On June 10, 2023 there will be a celebration for our volunteers and Father Parker's ten year ordination.

K OF C

- Table Amende * Tammi/Doug: The Knights of Columbus state convention was held last week and Grand Knights Garret McClain described it as fantastic. Doug said that at the K of C meeting on the April 17th there was discussion about putting an American flag in front of the church. He also said that the Knights exemplification ceremonies are now open to the public and all are encouraged to attend. These would be held after a Saturday night Mass and then followed by a meal. The fish fries brought in approximately \$9400.

DECORATING COMMITTEE

- Table Amende * Tammi: Tammi said that Tom and Jacki Ausman are spending some of their own money on flowers decorating the front of the church. Tammi believes that we possibly need a line item budget. Doug believes there is a budget for this. This will be looked in further. Tammi also believes there should be an ongoing item on the agenda for the decorating committee.

OLD BUSINESS

PARISHSOFT SOFTWARE

- Table Amende * Candy Zidon and Sara Baumberger gave a review of the ParishSoft software. They explained the accounting and family sides of the software. There was a discussion on the benefits and downsides of the software. The parish does use a portion of the software.

TECH EQUIPMENT

- Table Amende * Lisa: All the computer updates have been completed. The network updates will also be completed shortly. Kevin Taber is also working on the parish website since the company that has been doing the website is not going to be active anymore at some point. Thanks to Kevin Taber for all his work.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

- Table Amende * There is nothing new on health and safety.

BLOOD DRIVE

- Table Amende * The blood drive is on schedule. The donor link is on the parish Facebook page and a sign-up sheet is in the vestibule.

STEEPLE REPAIR

- Table Amende * Doug: Doug and Drew have discussed repairing the steeple instead of spending \$200,000 to replace it. The Knights will work on the project.

IGNITE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

- Table Amende * Father Parker: We did go above our 70% goal and will be getting money back to the parish.

SECURITY

- Table Amende * Father Parker: Drew installed a code box for entry into the church for those with a need to enter after hours. There is still discussion about a KnoxBbox that will allow the fire dept. access to the church in case of an emergency. This will be referred to B & G.

MISCELLANEOUS

- Table Amende * Father Parker: The extra altar is still in the rectory garage and at some point it will need to be removed.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

- Table Amende * The review by the diocese has been completed and it is being reviewed by Father Parker.

STAFF/VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

- Table Amende * There will be more discussion on how to conduct this.