

## ST. MARY - HOLY CROSS PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

The parish council meeting was called to order on 8/23/2022 at 6:30:00 PM. Members present were: Father Amadeo, Ceila Shedd, Terri Hamm, Tammi McClain, Doug Jones, Drew Hanlon and Larry Sauer. Guests present were: None.

The opening/closing prayer was lead by Father Amadeo. The meeting adjourned at 7:38:00 PM.

The next meeting will be held on 9/27/2022 at 6:30:00 PM.

Amended

### MINUTES

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- \* The minutes for the July 26 meeting were approved as written with unanimous approval. Larry will send the minutes to Barb for posting on the SMHC website.

### COMMITTEE/PARISH ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS

#### Cemetery

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- \* Tammi said there was nothing to report from the cemetery committee.

#### Knights of Columbus

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- \* The K of C purchased several pyxides for administering communion to the sick/homebound.

The Knights and the SMHC Stewardship Committee will host a spaghetti dinner on October 22, 2022.

#### Finance

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- \* Father Amadeo said there will be a meeting with the parish chairpersons of the campaign within the next week. He needs 2 or 3 more chairpersons for the campaign. If anyone know of anyone, please contact Father Amadeo. The council provided several more names to Father of people that might volunteer for the effort.

#### Propane Provider

- \* Doug said that they have changed propane providers at HC.

#### Office Equipment

- \* Doug advised that Barb is having trouble with her computer. The K of C has donated \$500 for computers a couple years ago. Barb has reached out to someone who will come in to look over the entire system.

## **Ambassadors to Catholic Charities**

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- \* Mike and Mary Winders reported that there is new leadership in this group.

## **B & G**

### **HC Security System**

- \* Celia said that Laurie Phelan has spoken with Lynn Schreurs who originally mentioned a possible security system. A solution has been identified but will not be revealed since our minutes are posted on a public website.

### **Steeple**

- \* As discussed at the last PC meeting, Doug said that he contacted John Roberts and this issue has been turned over to B & G for further action. Doug has reached out to a couple of contractors that looked at the steeple and one of them is interested in bidding on the project. The action item on this project will remain open until completion.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Church History**

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- \* Larry is getting some limited responses from a few parishioners who have submitted some wedding, baptism and confirmation photographs that will be added to the church history database. This database is also set up to capture historical events and he has begun populating it with events that are available in the 2 history books and with current events. If anyone wants to add any such personal or parish events to the database please contact Larry. He is also arranging some interviews with some of the elderly parishioners.

A Legacy Genealogy Software family tree has also been created to record parish members family history.

### **Health and Safety**

#### **Defibrillators**

- \* All the necessary equipment and supplies are in for the defibrillators. B & G will work on a maintenance schedule. Doug will have David Green contact Larry to coordinate on a form to be used on all maintenance issues.

#### **First Responder Classes**

- \* Celia and Terri will look into some first responder classes for parishioners.

### **Blood Drive**

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- \* Doug contacted Donna Cowman and Sue White about coordinating the future blood drives but neither wanted to be coordinators however they said they are glad to assist. Doug will continue to pursue coordinators with personal contacts. If no one is interested he will put something in the bulletin. Terri will contact LifeServe to prepare a task list for whoever takes over. This list is probably much less than what Tim and Lisa have so graciously done through the years.

Blood drives are held about every 8 weeks.

## **Policy and Bylaws**

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- \* Larry has obtained, from Barb, the SMHC Constitution/Bylaws that were developed in 1984. He will compare this with the diocesan guideline for parish/pastoral councils to ensure there are not conflicts. He will combine these into one document that will contain all SMHC policies and procedures.

## **Parish Communications**

### **Website**

- \* Lisa went through the website after the last meeting. She reviewed the items listed and believes it may need some minor updates. She will work with Barb to update. Lisa believes the website is quite good and informative.

## **Parish Survey**

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- \* Terri provided some examples of parish Time and Talent surveys from other parishes for review. Discussion will continue on which form to use and how to distribute it. How can we encourage people to serve our parish and how can the parish serve the members.

## **Parish Unity**

### **Listening Sessions**

- \* Drew said that he has attended 3 listening sessions and believes they have gone quite well. He stated there has been some good points made by those attending.

## **Contact Info**

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- \* It was decided that the parish phone number would be added to the bulletin under various committees for anyone that would like to contact any members of a committee. Barb can then contact the committee member to make contact.

## **OTHER**

### **Recycling**

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- \* Terri said that she received a call from a parishioner about someone leaving a TV at the recycle bin. There is no way of knowing who may have done this.

## Church Closure

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- \* What time should the church be locked? Everyone agreed it should be open into the evening hours. Drew will discuss with Barb about others assisting with locking up on a rotation basis. Father said that someone came into OLIH and stole the brass Eucharist. He also mentioned automatic locks that can be programmed.