

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

MEETING NOTES

Date: January 26, 2021

Time: 6:30 PM

Facilitator: Doug Jones

Mission Statement:

In Attendance

- Father Andrew
- John Fisher
- Tim Loraditch – Recorder
- Stacey Rooney
- Doug Jones - Chair
- John Roberts

Opening Remarks

- Open with prayer

Approval of Minutes

- Minutes from December 2020
 - Motion to Accept: Tim Loraditch, second: John Fisher. Approved

Committee Reports

- Finance Council Update (Summary to be presented by Doug Jones)
 - Finance council suggested PC make an appropriate decision for the roof replacement
- Building & Grounds (John Roberts)
 - Roof damage estimates at SM & at HC
 - We had to get a new quote for the church roof
 - Current quote went to the Diocese who got another quote which was double our current low quote
 - Some concern from with Iowa Legend quote, but follow ups seem to be covered (see email John sent to PC)
 - We are waiting for a final confirmation back from Iowa Legends
 - Some concern over the age of the shingle (50 year shingle and these were installed in 2006)

- This was concerning the parish hall side
 - Contractors are saying that it is best to complete both the church and the parish hall side.
 - Motion to accept current bid from Legends with the possible addition of \$5000 if a review shows a mistake: John Fisher motion, Stacey Rooney Seconds. Further discussion. Motion passes.
 - Discussion surrounding the desire for clarification on the current quote.
 - ACTION: John will work with Scott to bring a recommendation to the council for action.
 - Updated quote (12/3/20) to re-roof church and social hall from Legends is \$48,643.52.
- Long Range Planning
 - This should be a living document shared with PC for awareness/discussion
- Prioritization of needs for B&G
 - 1 year
 - 5 years
 - 10 years and beyond
- Water Softener
 - Samples were taken waiting to hear back
 - Action Item: John Roberts – Follow up with Culligan.
- Could be the right time to put something in the bulletin to encourage donations to the building fund.
 - Action: Revisit this topic at the next PC meeting.

Old Business

- Church Survey – returning to church
 - Did Will give us enough to use, or do we need to start over?
 - Table the survey for further discussion in future meetings.
 - Incorporate with notice of an additional mass added for persons with exemptions from wearing masks?
- Elkhart Betterment Committee Proposal
 - Action: Doug Jones – Get something in writing from the Better Committee/City
- Church History
 - Currently tabled for future consideration.
- Consider some sort of recognition for Dave Pottebaum’s years of service to the FC
 - Card is being passed around to be signed. Currently available to sign at St. Mary’s
 - Write-up to be added to bulletin

New Business

- Next steps for approving a new roof
 - Update from John Roberts
 - See Above.
- Additional mass time added for persons with exemptions from wearing masks?
 - Additional temporary Mass added at noon on Sundays to accommodate those who have exemptions.
 - Not to be seen as a “non-mask mass” but as an option to help mitigate the concern of others.

- Information needs to go into bulletin
- Should be posted on Facebook
 - Action: Doug Jones to post on Social media
- Announcements
 - John Fisher suggests ending the announcements about masks at mass.
 - Announce new temporary mass at noon and why
 - Action: Father will write announcement
- Bring back tithing basket but with a pole
 - Discussion tabled
- Action: Next meeting we need to discuss terms and new members.

Closing Remarks

- Close with prayer

Next Meeting

February 23, 2021 | 6:30 pm, St. Mary's Catholic Church, Elkhart, Iowa