

ST. MARY - HOLY CROSS PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

The parish council meeting was called to order on 6/27/2022 at 6:30:00 PM. Members present were: Father Andrew, Celia Shedd, Doug Jones (Doug left the meeting shortly after 7:00 due to other commitments), Tim Loraditch, Larry Sauer. Guests present were: None.

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

The next meeting will be held on 7/26/2022 at 6:30:00 PM.

Amended

MINUTES

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- * Minutes from the April 26th, 2022 meeting were approved as written. Ceilia made a motion to approve the minutes as written and Tim seconded the motion. All PC members present voted aye to approve.
- * Minutes from the May 24th, 2022 meeting were amended to change the date of the scheduled June 28th, 2022 meeting to June 27, 2022. With that change, Doug made a motion to approve the minutes noting the amendment below and it was seconded by Celia to accept minutes as corrected. All PC members present voted to approve.

Amendment 2: Under the Social Website heading, "Celia will work.." should have been "Tammi will work..."

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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- * There were no committee reports for this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Elections

- * The election results are in and tallied. We had a good turn out at the polls! There was only a few votes difference between the 2nd and 3rd place candidates. With the following factors in mind:
 - only a few votes separated the 2nd and 3rd place finishers.
 - the parish council originally had 7 members and having an odd number on any advisory board is seen as a good thing to avoid 'tie' votes.
 - there was still some confusion on the voting process (some ballots were filled out incorrectly).
 - the fact that the council hopes to keep moving forward and create stronger parish unity.It was decided to also seat Lisa Schoening to the PC.

A motion was made by Doug Jones and seconded by Tim Loraditch to invite the top three finishers to serve on the council. The motion passed unanimously.

John Roberts contacted all three and they have all accepted. They are: Drew Hanlon, Terri Hamm, Lisa Schoening. We welcome them to the council!

Thank you to Mike Winders and David Green for offering their service to the parish and to all those that voted.

See attachment #3 for results.

Action Items

- * Discussion was conducted about open action items that should be covered with the new council members and also to reassign action items that we assigned to outgoing PC members. Larry will send out a list of current action items. Tim and John are invited to attend the first meeting of the new council in case there are any questions for them regarding any open items.

Health and Safety

- * Best practices for Safety listed on the agenda was tabled until the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Parish Unity

- * There was more discussion on parish unity. John inquired of Tom Green what the options are for parish healing. Tom indicated that one is a listening session with smaller groups. These can be broken, as an example, into groups by community or school districts. These sessions are conducted by listening to the parishioners with no response from the council. After the sessions are held, responses are prepared and disseminated to the parish members in a written document.

The second option is through what is called healing sessions. This method does not specifically address the issues that caused the division but simply develop ideas on how to heal the divisions within the parish.

John brought up that Doug and Tammi discussed previous to this meeting that we allow the parishioners to submit their concerns before a meeting and then we prepare a statement addressing the concerns and then start the listening session with the prepared responses. This idea has not yet been discussed with Tom Green.

Father Andrew stated that there should be pastor present when these sessions are conducted whatever the forum is. It was agreed that there needs to be some guidelines to follow for all to keep the sessions amicable. It was agreed that we need to have Tom Green involved as a neutral party.

Further discussion with Tom will be held to determine details. Further discussion of this subject and details will be held when the new PC members are seated.