

# St. Mary – Holy Cross Parish

## Council Minutes

Called to Order: 10-26-21 6:30 PM  
Adjourned: 10-26-21 7:45 PM  
Opening/Closing Prayer: Father Andrew  
Members Present: McClain, F. Andrew, Loraditch, Jones, Sauer  
Guests Present: Geneveve Loraditch  
Next Meeting: 11-23-21 6:30 PM

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- 1) Minutes
  - a) 08-24-21
    - i) Motion to approve by Tim, second by Sauer, approved unanimously.
  - b) 09-28-21
    - i) Larry was gone and Tammi took notes. Larry will complete ASAP for November meeting.
- 2) Committee Reports
  - a) Finance Council
    - i) Ignite! Capital Campaign
      - (1) From the Website: *The Ignite! Campaign raises up the dignity and image of God of everyone in our Diocese. As one body of Christ, it gives each of us the opportunity to invest in our priests, women religious, deacons, mothers, fathers, teachers, catechists, and children, who are the foundation upon which the Church and greater community are built.* [IGNITE! Campaign | Diocese of Des Moines \(dmdiocese.org\)](http://dmdiocese.org)
  - b) B & G
    - i) Gutters
      - (1) New gutters have been installed at Holy Cross. John had some concerns with the insurance not giving us the full replacement cost if we had gone with the original copper gutters. The adjustor said that insurance only pays for replacement costs. Doug suggested to John that we talk with someone who knows insurance to get a better understanding of the process. Doug suggests further discussion at a future meeting and talking with someone in the parish who deals with insurance.
    - ii) Electrical Service at Holy Cross
      - (1) Still waiting on parts.
    - iii) Carpet Cleaning at St. Mary **(AI-1)**
      - (1) John is arranging quotes.
    - iv) Steeple Repair **(AI #5)**
      - (1) John followed up with Norm Bormann, diocese B & G person. Diocese recommendation is we get a structural DSM engineering firm involved. Norm has provided three resources.
      - (2) Doug said that he spoke with Jon Hand who is an engineer, although not the kind needed, and John volunteered to inspect it and make a recommendation. Jon will meet Doug at the church on Thursday to move the process forward. Doug stated that the fix he made is not working anymore and the leak has returned. The leak is not related to the structural damage but the gutter system that drains water from the roof.
    - v) Social Hall Ceiling Repairs are complete. Father typed up a thank-you letter to Scott Turczynski. Some edits were needed so it will be corrected for the next meeting.

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- vi) Water Softener **(AI #2) TABLED**
  - (1) Doug contacted Kinetico to do an estimate and likes this system better than Culligan because it has a longer life, is all mechanical, no electronics to malfunction and less maintenance. They also install an entire system particulate filter. It also has two tanks so when one is depleted the other is instantly ready. The Kinetico quoted comparable to Culligan and there is no tax. Tammi stated that funeral ladies had told her about the water being so dark. Doug believes that is due to the water sitting in the pipes and not being turned on very often and the softener will not help that.
  - (2) Should we go ahead with the softener?
    - (a) Doug mentioned the \$20000 donation we got and if there were any restrictions on its use. Father said that there were none. Tim suggested that we should wait to see what the steeple repair will cost before we move forward. Tammi wondered how much has been collected for our priority list. The figure is not known. Tammi suggested that if that amount is near what we need for the softener we might consider moving forward. Doug does not believe there is a danger of the steeple collapsing.
- 3) New Business
  - a) Youth NCYC group is looking for donations for the NCYC trip.
    - i) F.C. has recommended to the Parish Council to consider providing some funding from the \$20,000 donation for the trip due to unforeseen circumstances and cancelations as the result of covid. There is a shortfall of about \$5000. Ann Fisher has indicated that the fund raising and covid requirements have made it exceedingly difficult to plan the trip. Tammi stated that the trip is and “awesome experience.”
    - ii) Motion
      - (1) Tim moves that we allocate up to \$5,000 for the trip, second by Tammi, approved unanimously. **(A.I. #3)**
  - b) Holy Cross Security System **TABLED**
    - i) Lynn Schreurs has inquired about a security system at Holy Cross to prevent vandalism. The church does not have internet service so it would require cellular service. There is no detail currently.
  - c) Communications **TABLED**
    - i) Website Review
  - d) Policy and Bylaws **TABLED**
  - e) Church Committee Invites
    - i) Tim suggested we have an open invitation to all the church committees to attend the P.C. meeting. Doug said this has been discussed in the past doing a rotating visit but hard to get people to come. Tammi said that they use to have a Cross Ministry meeting when all the committees they all came together before there was a P.C. **TABLED**

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- 4) Old Business
  - a) Grant Funding for B & G
    - i) Larry searched internet sources but did not find anything. (AI #4)
  - b) Parish Unity
    - i) Religious Education
      - (1) There was discussion about the CGS teaching method. Geneveve stated that she wanted to make sure everyone who had questions was feeling more comfortable with the program and that there were no more questions or concerns. Tim wanted to make sure the questions that were answered at the last meeting have been passed on to those who had the questions. There will be more discussion on this.
- 5) Misc. Items
  - a) There was discussion about people not coming back to Mass after covid and a possible marketing campaign of some type to get people to come back. Tammi said that St. Mary used to be in the North Polk Living which has articles about surrounding communities and events. [Iowa Living Magazines](#)
  - b) Doug asked if the sign of peace would be coming back to Mass. Father said it would be some time before the physical sign of peace and the cup would be coming back. Despite the recommendation, some parishioners are still doing it.