

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

Date: May 25, 2021

Time: 6:30 PM

Facilitator: Doug Jones

In Attendance

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

Opening Remarks

- Open with prayer

Approval of Minutes

- Minutes from April 28 have already been approved and published.

Committee Reports

- Finance Council Update
 - Meeting postponed until 5/26 – budget discussion.
- Building & Grounds (John Roberts)
 - Water Softener
 - PC voted to proceed with funding. Father Andrew reported that one donor has approved \$500 memorial towards this project. We will need to find a balance of \$4100 to cover the cost. Doug will clarify with finance council on the balance of the building and grounds budget and how it is funded. Building fund envelopes are included in tithing envelopes and we did extra offertory collections before Covid.
 - The question was raised if there is any other memorial money not designated for use. Father will check with Sarah.
 - Next items to prioritize is internal cosmetic issues like the ceiling, alter area, etc.
 - Prioritization
 1. Social Hall ceiling repairs

- a. Parish Hall needs to be closed for two weeks. Action: John will coordinate timeline for social hall closure for 2 weeks and one weekend.
 - b. Scott Turczynski's company will do the repairs and invoice the parish for cost of \$10-12,000. Then Scott has generously offered to donate that amount back to the parish.
 - c. John Roberts made a motion to proceed with the work on the social hall ceiling. Doug seconded the motion. Motion passed, pending finance council agreement.
- 2. Water Softener -proceeding with finding funding as noted above.
- 3. Replace sidewalk
 - o Potential hazard noted during snow removal,
 - o Discussion held that ceiling repair in the sanctuary needs to have priority over sidewalk repair.
- 4. New leakage noted in the bell tower.
 - a. Doug has done some investigating. Roofing company notified, but it may be a gutter drainage problem which would not be part of roofing responsibility. Action: Doug will continue to investigate the source of leakage.
- 5. The cable for the lightening rod needs reconnected after the roof repair, Iowa Legends has been notified.
- 6. Exhaust fan in the kitchen is leaking. Bell Brothers has been contacted.
- o Insurance claims update
 - claim total is \$6861.79.
 - not considering the electrical at HC
 - \$2500 deductible
 - invoice from Mid-Iowa Electric should be reimbursed.
 - Motion made by Stacey to approve electrical expenditures at Holy Cross. John Roberts seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- o Long Range Planning
 - This should be a living document shared with PC for awareness/discussion

Old Business

- Elkhart Betterment Committee Proposal
 - o City has discussed the purchase of the lot north of parish property.
 - o Potential of other solutions like another developer purchasing the land which would buy the street.
 - No new information from city of Elkhart.
 - Father and John Robert will continue to work with Diocese on ownership of the street. John Roberts met with Norm Bormann, Director of Property Management of the Diocese and gave him a tour of the street and parking lot. Selling any property to the city for a street must be approved by the Bishop. Norm is concerned with having a road between the church parking lot and the church. It would increase traffic and create a hazard for people entering the church. He suggested moving any possible street to the east. Norm is willing to help us proceed with this process as it develops.

- Church History
 - Currently tabled for future consideration.
- Bring back tithing basket but with a pole
 - Action item: John Fisher to explore options/costs for baskets on poles.
- Parishioner letters
 - Father presented the letter updating members on parish progress.
- Action item: Father will see if the letter can go in the next newsletter to save on postage costs.

New Business

- Approval of electrical repairs at HC
 - Estimate \$3,200 quoted on 5/18/2021 from Mid-Iowa Electric (see attached). Motion passed.
- Ribbons & Masks
 - Holy Cross has taken down ribbons and mask wearing is decreasing.
 - Action: Father will announce a date for St. Mary's to stop ribbons and extra noon mass. This will be in an upcoming bulletin.
- Catholic Charities Emergency Family Shelter
 - Parish Council is responsible for the meal on June 13. Action-Stacey will arrange and deliver meal, with \$20 donation from each member.
- Defibrillators-Stacey presented price options for a Phillips AED for \$1175. We would need one for each building. Budget will need to be explored. There is a grant application from the Iowa Heart Foundation for a free AED. Action-Stacey will complete and submit application.
- Candidates for PC elections. Term will start July 1.
 - Larry Sauer
 - Tammi McClain
 - David Green

Closing Remarks

- Father Andrew closed with a prayer.

Next Meeting

June 22, 2021 | 6:30 pm, St. Mary's Catholic Church, Elkhart, Iowa