

## **ST. MARY - HOLY CROSS PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES**

The parish council meeting was called to order on 3/8/2022 at 6:30:00 PM. Members present were: Father Windschitl, Roberts, Jones, Shedd, Loraditch, Sauer (Tammi was going to join online but was unable to do so.). Guests present were: None.

The opening prayer was led by Father Andrew. The meeting adjourned at 8:00:00 PM.

The next meeting will be held on 3/22/2022 at 6:30:00 PM.

**A list of action items referred to in the minutes are available upon request.**

### **MINUTES**

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- \* Celia requested a change to the minutes from the meeting on 01-25-22. Instead of the New City trip that was referred to in the minutes it should have been the National Catholic Youth Conference. Larry will make the changes. John asked for a motion to approve the amended minutes. A motion was made by Tim and seconded by Celia. Minutes were unanimously approved with the change made.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **FINANCE COUNCIL**

- \* Ignite Capital Campaign - Father said that the dioceses sent out an update that indicated the parish should be receiving more information in April. If anyone knows of anyone that may be good at fundraising within the parish, forward the name to Father Andrew. Reference AI #29.

#### **B & G**

- \* Security at Holy Cross - Celia is waiting for better weather to set up a meeting with her friend who could answer questions about a security system at HC. Larry said that Laurie Phelan told him that there has been several problems over the years with break-ins and thefts. Reference AI #39.
- \* Steeple Repair - Doug, said that the cost for a structural engineer to inspect and give recommendations on what is needed to repair the steeple is \$1800. The only response that Doug received was from Tometich Engineering from Urbandale. This firm comes highly recommended. During the steeple discussion John added that there are some holes in the gutter around the sacristy and probably along side the gutters of the sanctuary. This could be responsible for the leaks behind the altar. There are different opinions on whether there is still leaks. John thinks the plaster is becoming quite soft in that area. Both the steeple repair and the leaks will probably be significantly expensive. After discussion it was decided to put something in the bulletin that we would be using the second collection to address the steeple and then address the leaks after the steeple is repaired. A motion was made by Doug to hire Tometich Engineering and pay them \$1800 for the inspection and a recommendation report on how we should proceed. The motion was seconded by Celia and the motion carried unanimously. The steeple damage and water damage will be combined under one action item for future discussion. Doug will talk with Drew to determine if there is still a leak. This will be added to AI #10. Reference AI #10.

- \* Carpet Cleaning - John has contacted John Claussen to proceed with the carpet cleaning at Holy Cross, the rectory, and the sanctuary. He will wait to do the learning center and the social hall until after the fish fries are complete. Reference AI #9.
- \* Water Softener - Installed and in operation. AI #92 is complete. Karen Stafford told Doug that she can really tell the difference in the water when she is cleaning.
- \* Audio System - John did not get a chance to talk with Greg Richwine again about the system. Reference AI #17.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **CHURCH HISTORY**

- \* Church History - Larry met with Laurie Phelan to discuss recording the church history for the past and the future. There was discussion about possibly forming a historical committee to record past, present and future history to include photos, documents and artifacts. Larry will move forward with forming committee. Reference AI #56.

### **HEALTH AND SAFETY**

- \* Defibrillators - John said that a parishioner did come forward to pay for the St. Mary defibrillator. Reference AI #23.

### **COMMITTEE & DATE ORGANIZATION**

- \* Parish Calendar - Tim spoke with Barb Liske about the calendar and she noted that it is more of a "rolling calendar" and that if someone wants to add an event, they simply notify her. John said that we will cover the calendar issue with Barb as we work on parish communication review.
- \* Committees - Tim has yet to make contact with any of the other parish committees about attending PC meetings. John said that he would like the other committees to know that the PC welcomes any input from them and will assist them in any way possible. John said that we need to develop a list of committees and what their missions are. Doug believes there is a list and will attempt to find it.

### **MISC. ITEMS**

- \* Altar Addition - Father Andrew stated this project is ongoing and needs to work with the Diocese to make sure it is okay with them. Reference AI # 45.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

- \* Tabled

### **SURVEY**

- \* A discussion was held on a parish survey and what should be included. We want the survey to specifically address: 1) Return to Mass after Covid. 2) Membership procedures and participation in the church. We need more participation by parishioners to serve at Mass as there are just a few people who currently serve in layperson positions. The PC will continue working on the development of the survey. Celia suggested that we utilize the offering envelope # to track the survey.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **MISC. ITEMS**

- \* Mass Practices - Tim said that he had some conversations with various parishioners about what they would like to see return to the Masses: 1) Procession at the beginning of Mass - Parishioner thought this was important to mark the beginning of Mass as the Priest and Word of God is brought to the Altar. 2) Altar Servers - Several families indicated that their sons want to serve and were asking when they would have this opportunity. 3) Bells - This one was from a child. 4) Greeting Each Other at Beginning of Mass - Thought that we could bring this back in a non-contact way if necessary. 5) Sign of Peace During Mass. 6) Psalm being proclaimed at the Ambo. 7) Tabernacle in the Center Behind the Altar. 8) Fourth Sunday Noon Mass - With music ministry support and could this Mass be at 10:00 AM on every 4th Sunday instead of noon? Tim would like to know if we can continue these practices again. Father said there is still some confusion in the diocese on Covid restrictions. Any changes that are made with the way Mass is conducted should be known to the parishioners.
- \* There was also some discussion about what is required of Eucharistic ministers during communion relating to masks at the present time. Father Andrew stated the masks are no longer required for Eucharistic ministers. The PC is in favor of returning to practices that were in effect prior to Covid.