

ST. ANN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 10/14/21

Present: Diane, Tammy, Todd, Tony, Kathy, Russ , Fr. Corey

Absent: Greg

FR. COREY COMMENTS:

- There were 37 youngsters at Faith Formation two weeks ago.
- The small groups of 5 to 8 young people (Teens) are growing. The largest obstacle to growth now is adults to lead, or co-lead, a group.
- On the weekend of Oct. 30 – 31 parishes of the Diocese are invited to join Bishop John in consecrating the Diocese of Marquette to St. Joseph in this year of St. Joseph. Bishop will be doing the consecration at 10 AM at the Cathedral and all parishes will do the same at weekend masses.
- There are 2 new students at Sacred Heart School as of 2 weeks ago.
- The midnight mass at St. Ann's will be a Latin High Mass this year.

OLD BUSINESS

RECTORY:

- Diane reported she has been reviewing best ways to restore the kitchen cabinets. She has volunteers to help with the project. She has consulted others and a decision has been made to replace the countertops and she will get these from a building supply store. Three pieces will be needed and the new tops will extend over the dishwasher. The butcher block over the dishwasher will be removed. The cost of the tops are expected to be less than \$1K. The backsplash also needs replacement and this may need to be hired done.
- Todd has been doing the spackling of walls and repairing ceiling cracks -- some larger cracks are still to be repaired.
- Work on the downstairs bathroom and entry is progressing and looks good. This work is being done by Al and Eric Kemppainen.
- Planning and pricing are in progress to replace the trees around the Rectory with shrubbery.

STORAGE BUILDING:

- Diane reported that Craig will do the painting next week.
- Russ will furnish the materials for the roof and will replace the roof next Spring. He has inspected the roof with Bob P. and it looks bad --- but is not leaking. Medium brown is the recommended paint color to match the roofing.
- Russ will take the discarded nativity enclosures to the transfer station with Hunter Supper garbage.

HUNTER SUPPER:

- Russ reported all items seem to be on track. Various chairpersons are making good progress recruiting helpers, all non-perishable food items have been procured, all containers and paper goods are in the storeroom, meat and rolls have been ordered, Parishioners have dinner and raffle tickets, publicity is going well.

STOVE REPLACEMENT:

- The Ladies Guild is planning to replace the small electric stove in the kitchen. Kathy is reviewing options and checking prices. They will likely buy a stove similar to the one in place and purchase supports to use when heavier pots are needed to be used.
- They would like to have this in place before Hunter Supper.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE:

- In Greg's absence, Todd reviewed the Parish balance sheet for Sept.
- Cash in checking: \$46,642.41
- Building and Renovation Savings: \$50,149.72
- Diocesan Investment Pool: \$119,002.30
- Motion to accept by Diane with second by Kathy. All approved.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL FINANCE ---- Russ

- Report from meeting on Sept. 14.
- The Home and School Committee is forming a committee to work on the playground equipment upgrade project. The preliminary project cost is estimated at \$65K. Suggested they involve all 3 parishes in the committee and break the project down into smaller project segments.
- There are many State and Federal grants / monies available for non-public schools to apply for. The School has received a grant of \$114K and has applied for two more at \$30K each.
- The \$114K grant is unrestricted as to use. Most will be used for needed building improvements such as floors (tiles) and doors. Also a filtering software for student chromebooks and other technology.
- Kathy stated that some of the \$114K will be used for bonuses in lieu of salary and wage raises for teachers and other personnel.
- Currently bussing 7 students from Chassell. A bus driver is much needed. Vern has been doing the bussing while maintaining his shift at BCRC on a split hour basis.
- The School is basically operating on a balanced budget with 57 students and using the various grants to upgrade educational technology and for building maintenance project.

- At various times there has been mention of a gymnasium addition to the school. An engineering study and building plans have been completed for this project which is estimated at m/l \$1.5 million.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL OPERATIONS --- Tammy

- The school has new bathroom fixtures --- funded by another government grant received last year.
- Students have attended an outdoor learning camp.
- Earphones for student computers have been purchased.
- Covid protocols have been reviewed and it was decided that parents should decide on masking of their students. Contingency plans for covid occurrence are in place.
- Bonuses for teachers and support staff will be funded via a government grant.

FAITH FORMATION --- Kathy

- As part of Faith Formation students are attending Adoration at Sacred Heart.
- The theme for October is devotion to Mary.
- There are 37 at FF. Pizza is being served.

PARISH SERVICES --- Tony

- He was told that shingles are coming off the steeple. Diane will check this out. If that is the case DP Construction will be advised to remedy as they were the recent roof contractor.

LITURGY AND WORSHIP --- Kathy

- Stated that there has been much disapproval of doing the Gloria in Latin at recent masses. There was much discussion of this matter with others voicing similar thoughts. Fr. Corey reviewed the Bishops letter asking that this be done. The key is that this was to be done on an occasional basis and not permanently. Fr. will forward the access info to the Bishop letters to PC members.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS --- Diane

- Nothing beyond previously discussed matters.

NEW BUSINESS

PEW REFINISHING PROJECT:

- Todd reviewed a detailed memo from Greg regarding a project to repair (as needed) and refinish the church pews. The detail included costs which were broken down by various items. Also included was a suggestion as how the project could be paid from existing parish funds.
- In summary, the total cost to remove, refinish, repair as needed, replace the kneeler and replace, would total \$41,447. Providing wider book racks and

removing the center support as it projects into the seating portion would add \$13,500.

- There was much discussion both pro and con. Members were divided on the need for the project.
- Diane, as Building and Grounds Chair, will contact Tony Angle and together go over each pew to determine the need for repair. Diane will get prices from local to arrive at a cost for this step.
- Several members expressed an appreciation for the current worn, antiqued finish and condition of the pews as they are now and were opposed to refinishing.
- There was general agreement that the Parishioners should be involved in deciding the details if the PC recommends proceeding.
- Further discussion of the project was deferred to the next meeting.

Meeting concluded with prayer at 8:20 PM.

Minutes noted and compiled by Russ.