

ST. ANN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING --- 4/21/22

PRESENT: Todd, Tony, Greg, Tammy, Kathy, Diane, Russ

Meeting opened with prayer at 6:30PM.

FR. COREY COMMENTS: Absent

OLD BUSINESS:

Rectory project review:

- Per Greg – looks like all is done and the Rectory is ready for rental
- Total cost of the project is \$19,200.

New maintenance person: All seems to be going very well.

Pew project review:

- New pew installation scheduled for week of June 6 and will take 3 to 5 days.
- The old pew removal will begin on Sunday, May 29 with the removal of the fastening screws and bringing the one refinished pew to the choir loft to replace the 10-foot pew currently there.
- Sacred Heart has been asked to pick up the 11 pews they have requested on Sunday, May 29 at noon.
- St. Ann Parishioners were instructed to pick up the pews they have requested on Sunday, May 29 at 1:00PM.
- Non-members were instructed to pick up their pews at 3:00PM, May 29.
- Furniture Mart can begin carpet removal and installation after May 29.
- The list of requested pews was reviewed.
- It was agreed to stay with a free-will offering from pew recipients.

Rental contract:

- Also termed a “residential lease”.
- This is form issued by the Diocese.
- Reviewed the changes and additions to the lease which had been previously discussed and recommended.
- Also reviewed and discussed a rental application form
- Wayne preferred the Parish Council be responsible to advertise for the rectory rental. Diane volunteered to take the lead on this and to be the contact for those responding to the ad. She will also be available for showing the premises to interested parties.
- It is understood that any interested parties will be referred to Wayne and he will be responsible for rental application and rental contract completion.
- Wayne and Fr. Corey will select the successful applicant in case of more than one applicant.

Bunn coffee maker: Tony has done some research and will repair the machine if technically and economically feasible.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE: Greg

- Our parish is doing well financially. Collections are currently over budget by \$10,607. There is sufficient balance in the checking account to cover 2.1 months of expenses.
- Mass attendance has averaged 110 on Saturday and 68 on Sunday.
- To date \$45,604 has been advanced on the new pews. A final payment of \$15,200 will be due when the installation is complete. Since old pew removal is part of the project bid; Greg will contact the supplier to see if a reduction would be in order since we are removing.
- Our Parish paid, or pledged, 136.6% of the UPSCA goal -- \$17,260 vs. \$12,632. We will receive \$4,628 back from the Diocese.
- We have received a \$5K Black and Indian Commission grant which must be used for evangelization purposes.
- The Finance Council will meet on April 28 for a preliminary budget review.
- Wayne is currently working on the budget.

After much discussion of the finance report there was a Motion by Tony with Second by Tammy to approve. All were in favor.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL FINANCE: Kathy and Russ

- There are still some opportunities for Federal and State Government grants. To date grants totaling more than \$228K have been awarded to SHS and approximately one-half of those dollars have been received.
- Efforts are continuing to increase enrollment via 2 billboards, radio ads and visits to Houghton County Parishes to promote the School and feature the new bus.
- Interest in the possibility of adding a high school curriculum has not developed ---- so there is no high school offering currently on the horizon.
- Budgeting information has been received from the Diocese, however budget prep has not started yet. The SHS budget preparation will be by Christy and the School Finance Committee will start when the Parish budgets have been completed and the various Parish subsidies to the School have been established.
- School support envelopes have, through March, netted \$8,593 vs. \$1,572 at the same time last year.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION: Tammy

- A bus driver has been hired and will be starting Monday, April 25. The driver is experienced, lives in Calumet and will be able to pickup students from there to L'Anse. Also has a house in L'Anse so will stay there during the school

day and return route to Calumet. The bus will also be available for field trips. It is anticipated this will now enhance enrollment from Houghton County.

- Enrollment for next year is currently a 45 --- a total of 46 is needed before teacher contracts can be extended to next year.
- Mary Schwartz is currently filling in for a teacher currently on maternity leave.
- Sr. Carollee is retiring. Another Sr. from her order will be coming to SHS. Christy has been in contact with the new teacher, she is experienced and looking forward to coming to SHS.
- The Advisory Committee has been reviewing the dress code to better define what is permissible ---- especially pertaining to jewelry, hair color, tattoos, etc.
- The school calendar for next year is in place.
- New lockers especially for the younger students are being considered.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS --- Diane

- Al Kemppainen will be working with the new janitor/maintenance for orientation.
- Al has sent Todd a list of maintenance items recently completed and a few that are still to be done. Diane will arrange a meeting with Al and Louis to review the regular maintenance jobs as well as those still to be done.

FAITH FORMATION/ LITURGY AND WORSHIP/ PARISH SERVICES -- No report.

NEW BUSINESS

- None

Meeting closed with prayer at 8:00 PM.

Minutes noted and compiled by Russ.