

ST. ANN PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES --- MAY 11, 2023

PRESENT: Richard, Todd, Greg, Nancy, Russ, Tony, Kathy, Fr. Corey

ABSENT: None

Meeting opened with prayer at 6:30 PM.

FR. COREY COMMENTS:

- Sacred Heart School students did very well in the recent “religious bee” contest. Two groups were entered -- upper grades and lower grades -- competing against 6 other schools. Both groups placed second -- but SHS won “Best Overall”.
- BCCC K of C participation is growing. Twenty members attended the most recent meeting.
- Sacred Heart Parish has started a social after the ten o’clock Mass. The four o’clock Mass at St. Ann is now the only Mass which is not followed by a social gathering. There is a good turnout for the social following the Latin Mass. Socials are a good way to build community within the Parish.
- The Diocesan Eucharistic Congress is the first since the “60’s.
- The St. Ann choir is now ready to do High Mass which will be done once per month going forward. Four servers have been trained. Many are coming from around the Diocese and more are expected since the Priest doing the Latin Mass at St. Peter Cathedral has been transferred to Stevenson.
- Faith Formation has finished for the year. There were 70 students at the last session.

OLD BUSINESS:

BARRIER FREE ENTRANCE

- Temporary repairs have been made to the loose panels. A more permanent fix will be done in the near future.

BASEMENT LIGHT REPLACEMENT

- The lighting project has been completed at a total cost of \$3,225.
- The Ladies Guild netted \$1,073.95 from their recent rummage sale which they had decided to put toward the light project --- however they subsequently decided to fund the entire cost of the project.
- THANK YOU TO THE LADIES GUILD FOR FUNDING THE MUCH NEEDED NEW LIGHTING IN THE BASEMENT.

RECTORY ROOF PROJECT

- Photos have been taken and forwarded to the Insurance Company of the damage from the hail storm last summer.
- A leak has been detected in the downstairs bathroom located off the kitchen and has been causing damage to the ceiling.

- The leak appears to be around the vent pipe. Todd will follow up as to a temporary repair.

FRONT DOOR TO THE CHURCH

- Prior to new door installation the approach pad needs to be lowered to prevent the new door from scraping on the cement. The pad is in good shape, it just needs a bit of lowering in a small area.
- A local quote for replacement has been submitted to the Insurance Co.
- Greg is currently working with two contractors who could do the project prior to winter.
- There are numerous options to consider and Greg will keep PC members informed as information is provided by the contractors.
- After much discussion a motion was made by Kathy with a second by Richard to proceed with the project with the objective to complete installation this year. All were in favor.

BCCC PICNIC

- The Mass and picnic will be held at the L'Anse waterfront on August 6.
- There will be a weekday Mass at the Shrine sometime this Summer on a day which is significant to Bishop Baraga.
- The alter server picnic will be August 9 at Gabe's on Huron Bay. KC's do the cooking.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE ---- Greg

- The checking account balance is \$31,663. Building and Renovation fund is \$21,783.22. The Investment Fund is improving and now totals \$111,410.
- Receipts are a bit lower this year than last year and this trend may continue into next FY. This will likely be reflected in the new budget numbers.
- Next Finance Council meeting will be on May 17.
- Motion to accept by Nancy with Second by Tony. All approved.

SCHOOL FINANCE ---- Kathy

- The SHS Finance Council has not met recently. Future meetings will be on the 4th Thursday instead of the 2nd. This will allow for better reporting to the PC by Kathy.
- The next FY budget will be worked on at the next meeting.

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION ---- Richard

- Sr. Hannah conducted a Retreat regarding the need for Spiritual input into decision making by the Advisory Council.
- At a recent meeting the Advisory Council discussed a check list of school needs such as doors, roof, playground equipment. Also discussed a wish list including a gymnasium.

PARISH SERVICES ---- Tony

- Potato chips rather than fries will be provided at the BCCC picnic ---- the PC supported continuing this as well as catsup and mustard in individual packets.

LITURGY AND WORSHIP ---- Kathy

- The sound system is working much better.

NEW BUSINESS:

LIGHTING TO HIGHLIGHT THE LAST SUPPER MOTIF ON THE ALTAR

- Greg has done some work on this with Fr. Corey approval.
- Penokie would do this project for \$500.
- Also Mike Koskinen will be doing some needed painting touch-up.
- After discussion there was a motion to proceed with this project by Richard with a second by Tony. All approved.
- Will be budgeted to next FY.

PARKING LOT ENTRANCES

- Some large holes have developed. Discussed adding gravel for base then blacktopping.
- Todd will get an estimate.
- Decided to add gravel soon then add the blacktopping of entrances in the next FY budget.

OTHER CHURCH AND RECTORY MAINTENANCE NEEDS

- The block retaining wall at the front of the Church is deteriorating as are the steps to the side entrance.
- Need to remove and replace the shrubs along the walk between Church and Rectory.
- The entry door to the Rectory kitchen area needs replacing.
- The railing on the Rectory front steps needs replacing.
- There was discussion on all the above with no specific action outlined.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL SUBSIDY FOR NEXT FY

- The St. Ann subsidy to the School this FY was \$20,336. budgeted from collections which is 18% of anticipated collections. In addition there was more than \$4,000. provided to the School via envelopes which brings the total St. Ann contribution to the School to 21.6%. Wayne proposes the next FY budget reflect \$21,620 from collections as the St. Ann subsidy. There was a long discussion with a general consensus that the further increase be acceptable if the projected collections cover other Parish needs.

PARISH INCORPORATION

- Fr. Corey informed the PC regarding the Diocesan direction of individually incorporating all Parishes.

- All assets would be Parish rather than Diocese.
- The Parish Finance Council would serve as Directors of the Corporation with the Pastor as the Chair of the Board.
- Fr. answered PC questions and comments.

The meeting closed with prayer at 8:45 PM.

Minutes noted and compiled by Russ.