

ST. ANN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING -- 12/9/21

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

Absent: Fr. Corey (Covid)

Meeting opened with prayer at 6:30 PM.

OLD BUSINESS:

RECTORY MAINTENANCE PROJECT: Reported by Diane (Building and Grounds Chair)

- Interior painting is in progress.
- Carpeting to be replaced is being taken up.
- Diane has hired Steph Raymond for miscellaneous help.
- New flooring (carpet and linoleum) will be installed between Christmas and New year.
- New countertops have been ordered and will be received in one week.
- Diane has been contacted by "Great Lakes Recovery" which is a half-way house organization for possible rental of the Rectory. She has show them the facility but no commitment has been made. There has been additional interest expressed for possible rental.
- Diane and Kathy are considering times to do cabinet refinishing.
- All in all – Diane states the project is going well.

GROUND SNOW REMOVAL: PC learned that Dominic Francois will be doing the snow removal again this winter.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCIAL REPORT: Greg

- Greg reported on a couple of items that need to be taken care of as a result of a recent inspection of the Church by our Insurance Carrier. These were two emergency exit lights in the church hall and painting of yellow stripes on the front entry steps.
- Approximately \$3,000 has been spent on the Rectory project so far. A total of \$8,500 was allocated.
- There is currently \$52,594 in the checking account.
- The Building and Renovation fund is at \$50,195.
- Our Investment Pool Savings totals \$118,370.
- The collections for the FY to date exceed budget by \$1,410.
- The next Finance Council meeting is scheduled for Jan. 27.

Motion to approve the report by Tony. Second by Tammy. All in favor.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL FINANCE REPORT: Russ

- The Finance Committee has not met since the last PC meeting at which Kathy reported.
- The FC will be meeting 12/14/21 at 2 PM via Zoom.
- It was noted from the Financial reports through November received that the return of the School donation envelopes to the Parishioner packets at all BCCC Parishes has had excellent results. Further noted that no income was budgeted from this source for the current FY --- so will be a significant income pickup of m/l \$12K if trends continue.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL OPERATIONS: Tammy

- No meeting since last PC meeting. More to report next month.

FAITH FORMATION: Kathy

- Kathy will be attending an evening of Faith Formation.
- Tammy will be leading a small group of Baraga and L'Anse high school girls. She will be undergoing leadership training prior to starting.

PARISH SERVICES: Tony

- Nothing new to report.

LITURGY AND WORSHIP: Kathy

- Nothing new to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Greg introduced a request from a Parishioner regarding the possibility of St. Ann employing a janitor/maintenance person full dedicated to the needs of our building and grounds. There was considerable discussion on the proposal. The only action taken was agreement that Greg would gather information on what is budgeted for the several people doing various jobs including cleaning, summer yard work, winter snow shoveling, etc. to determine what is being spent now as opposed to a full or part-time person to tend to all the needs.
- Greg introduced the church pew project. He presented all of the cost information, and other pertinent info on the two options of repair and refinish versus going with new pews. There was much to be discussed regarding the various quotes and options within the quotes. Much information had also been presented at a meeting held Sunday December 5 at the Church attended by all PC members. There was much discussion -- with all PC members voicing opinions and requesting additional information. As discussion progressed a general feeling developed that it was most prudent to pursue the new pew option rather than repair and refinish which was near the same cost as the new with the known needs to get the existing pews in

- good condition and knowing that there would likely be unknown defects, adding to cost, as the reconditioning progressed.
- A MOTION WAS INTRODUCED by Tony “That the St. Ann Parish Council after much investigation and discussion regarding price and quality of the two options to “repair and refinish” versus “new pews” to pursue the “new pew” option” and to work with the Davis Manufacturing firm. The Motion was seconded by Russ. All members approved the motion.
 - Additional discussion ensued to get a consensus on the style, finish, spacing and other variables regarding the “new pew” choice. It should also be noted that the choice to go with the Davis firm was due to a significant cost reduction by tying into the Sacred Heart pew project at L’Anse.

The meeting closed with prayer at 8:30 PM.

Minutes noted and compiled by Russ.