

Sacred Heart Parish Council Meeting Minutes

3.23.17

7:30 P.M.

Sacred Heart Multipurpose Room

Attendees: Fr. Frank Schuster, Connie and Ken Roehrich (President), Rich (V-President) and Marge Conley (Trustee), James Porter (Trustee), Bill Kary, Travis Greff, Robi Hutzenbiler and Pat Anderson (Business Manager)

Call to Order and Opening Prayer

President Ken Roehrich called the meeting to order. Fr. Frank led the council in the opening prayer.

Items to the Agenda – bookcases for the classrooms

Approval of Meeting Minutes from January 26, 2017

Travis Greff moved to accept the January 26, 2017 parish council minutes; Bill Kary seconded the motion; the motion passed.

Unfinished Business

1. **Insurance** – Two insurance reports have been completed and sent to Catholic Mutual Group, one for the roof updates and the other for the new addition. A reanalysis of our property will be done based on the reports.
2. **Recommendation from Al Fitterer** - Al Fitterer recommended that we hold back \$2500 of the payment to Associated Builders until the sidewalks are redone and satisfactory.
3. **Stations of the Cross** – Bev Monroe had told Father that her daughter may be interested in painting the Stations of the Cross. Rich recommended that the paintings be done on canvas and Fr. suggested oil painting per recommendation from an expert in this area.
4. **South Wall Verse** – the verse of choice was the Matthew verse (Come to me all you who labor...) and during the course of the last vote there were two more suggestions that came forth so we will extend a vote again on these three selections until April 30. Fr. suggested possibly asking Lyn Schwak from Turtle Lake about painting the verse on the wall.

Committee Reports

Finance:

- Pat Anderson presented the March 22, 2017 Statement of Financial Position and the fiscal year-to-date Statement of Activities. There is around 3 3/4 months of operating money in the checking account. Once the income/expenses have been adjusted for roof donations and renovations our income is basically meeting expenses with no net gain. Some of the parish operating money that had been built up last year has been used for some maintenance and upgrades this year (office flooring, office desk, painting, safe, and office chair).
- The CMG insurance money of \$2000 more than covered the bathroom remodel expense of \$1845.

- Cemetery restricted funds in the checking account is \$250. Bill moved that this be moved to the restricted cemetery demand fund account through the Diocese of Bismarck; Ken seconded the motion; the motion passed.
- Pat Anderson reviewed the roof budget and currently it is projected that we will need to take out a \$45,000 loan at this time. The final bill from Associated Builders has not been billed so hopefully we have some more time to get that loan amount reduced. Outstanding pledges are \$61,315. Fr. Frank will ask at the Diocese to see if we would have the option to borrow from the Union Bank especially as the interest rate at the Diocese is a variable rate.

Building Updates:

- Fr. Frank has asked Al Fitterer about avalanche guards on the front (east) side of the roof.
- Al Fitterer and Ken are going to work on the metal for the louvers to build protective hoods to keep the snow out.
- The gutters need to be installed, the hardware for the hallway doors needs to be changed, and the concrete work redone.
- The flooring in the Mother Teresa room still needs to be fixed; Fr. Frank will call about that.

Maintenance/Capital:

- The office has been finished and the new flooring looks great.
- Fr. Frank has asked Dan to do a few electrical things (add a new light in the furnace room and in storage room; add a dimmer switch in the confessional; fix the exit light; fix the heat duct wires that are hanging out).

Liturgy:

- During Lent on Thursday evenings will be Stations followed by Mass.
- During the summer Fr. Frank will offer Mass on Thursday evenings.
- The Triduum schedule will be Holy Thursday at 7 p.m. with Fr. Charlie Heidt here; Good Friday service at 6 p.m.; no Easter Vigil this year and Easter Sunday Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Stewardship: Tabled

Education:

- First Holy Communion will be on Sunday, April 30; the Mass time will be changed to 10 a.m. that day to accommodate family members traveling to attend the Mass.
- CCD Party will be May 7

Christian Services, Environment and Social

- Bev will be ordering Easter lilies for Easter.

New Business

- Fr. has asked Jim to build a couple of book cases for the classrooms.
- New locks and security options were discussed; most likely our best option would be to go with a combination of a fob and camera system. Fr. will check into options for a fob system. Pat will

check with Bek Business Solutions regarding security cameras and the reliability of a wireless system.

Next Meeting

- The next parish council meeting will be on Thursday, May 11 at 7 p.m.

Closing Prayer – Led by Fr. Frank

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Anderson