

Parish Council Minutes
July 9, 2014

Attending: Fr. Tim Kozak , Diana Bartles, Ray Johnson, Cecelia Lisle

Fr. Tim opened the meeting with a Scripture reading. After a few minutes of silence to reflect on the reading, the meeting continued with a motion made by Diana Bartles and seconded by Ray Johnson to accept the previous minutes with no corrections or additions. All members approved them as written.

Committee Reports:

Building and Maintenance:

- The parish has some equipment they would like to sell since B&M Lawncare use their own. This includes 2 riding mowers, a leaf blower, a chain saw and a weed eater. Fr. has asked B&M what the value of the mowers might be. We are waiting on an estimate from them.
- The Knights want to do snow removal by putting a blade on one of the mowers. After some discussion this was noted that it would not work. Fr. stated that no one had said they would do that and that we have a company doing this. The problem is that the snow needs to be removed each time so there is no hard ice to deal with. A vote was taken on this matter and all members were in agreement that we should stay with who we have doing the snow removal.
- The Knights are also interested in installing a pro-life sign that is 10' by 20' on the parking lot wall. A discussion followed with all members against having this done.
- The Knights have a K of C sign they would like to install next to the parish sign in front of church. After discussion on this it was suggested to have the sign put by the hall doors or somewhere in that area. A vote was taken with all in favor of the sign in this general area.

Liturgy:

- Stephen Brown has trained 4 new altar servers.

Religious Education:

- Currently we have no one to be the DRE for the upcoming school year. Several names had been given, with all of the council in favor of Barbie Musser as the one to be offered the position. Fr. will get in touch with her.
- We may not have enough CCD teachers. Fr. stated he wanted to wait until we had the DRE before we discuss this.

Finance:

- The estimated amount for the emergency collection was \$13,700. The overdue insurance has been paid. We still need to do the elevator and also the choir loft. Discussion was held on the repair of the elevator and Fr. said that it was ok for 1-2 people. However, he was told that this type of elevator has a lot of problems.
- Fr. brought up different ways we could save some money. If we clean the church, the hall and Activity Building ourselves, we could save about \$7,800 dollars per year. Fr. said that he would do the cleaning of the rectory himself if others would clean the church and the Activity Building.

Old Business:

- Fr. has spoken with Jim & Pat Moore about selling the van. They stated that they did not have a problem with that being done.

New Business

- Ray Johnson made a motion that we raise the temperature of the church 2 degrees in the summer and lower it 2 degrees in the winter. This would save both on the heating and cooling bill. This was seconded by Diana Bartles. Also, discussion was held as to how we could put some kind of lock on the thermostat in the parish hall so not everyone would be able to change the temperature.
- With no other business a motion was made by Diana Bartles and seconded by Ray Johnson to end the meeting. The meeting was ended with Fr. Tim leading a prayer.

The next Parish Council meeting is August 13th, and the meeting for the Executive Committee is August 7th.