

**Cathedral of St. Mary
Parish Council Minutes
September 10, 2019**

Father August opened the meeting with prayer at 7:30 am.

Attendance (Those Present in Bold): **Father August Koeune, Carey Hartmann, Kelsey Kean, Flossie Vance, Jeff Shaffer, John Kaiser, Dian Prunty, Diane Gonnely, Patrick Lane, John Lynch, Renee Cudney, Father Jaimon Dominic, Father Andrew Kinstetter, Brian Greene and Jim Casey.**

August meeting minutes were approved unanimously after a motion by Brian Greene and a second by Diane Gonnely.

Financial Update from Father August: Father August provided a summary of the Cathedral's debt, which is attached and made a part of these minutes. He also provided documentation from the Cathedral's audit and budget, which are attached and made a part of these minutes. The debt for the school, principle only, is almost 6.7 million. This debt is scheduled to be paid off in 2035. Interest payments will add \$2.3 million. Last year the church paid off the "swap," which will save the church \$2.8 million by 2035 and allow the church to be less exposed to the volatility of the stock market. The income of the Cathedral is less than expenses due to the subsidy to the school. The Cathedral's subsidy to the school was \$602,000 last year. This subsidy comes out of investments. If the Cathedral paid off the debt today, the Cathedral would be \$3.8 million ahead. This \$3.8 million, however, would not be enough to generate enough to cover the subsidy for the school. On September 17, there will be a meeting to finalize a brochure to be used to raise money from people with capacity to reduce the debt.

Old Business:

Parishioner Concerns Follow Up:

Expanded cement pad to better accommodate wheel chairs by the main office doors. This was done.

Larger trash can in the family bathroom. This was done.

Parish Mission: Scott Elmer will present on Tuesday, October 1, 2019, on the role of small groups in increasing church participation and creating a welcoming atmosphere. A reception will follow. Chair Carey Hartmann will be soliciting Parish Council members to look at potential mission speakers for the 2020 spring.

New Business:

Parishioner Concerns: A bike rack was requested. The Council felt that the bike rack at the Chancery by the dumpster suffices.

Bylaws and Robert's Rules of Order were reviewed.

The following officers were elected by unanimous vote, after a motion by John Kaiser and a second by Jeff Shaffer: Chair: Carey Hartmann, Vice Chair: Kelsey Kean, Secretary: Diane Prunty.

Representatives Reports:

Cathedral Guild: A written report was provided which is attached and made a part of these minutes. In addition to the written information, there will be a healing mass on October 9.

Knights of Columbus: Bingo and helping with the parish picnic went well. The Knights will be assisting with the School Foundation breakfast in late September.

Saint Vincent DePaul : A written report was provided which is attached and made a part of these minutes. In addition to this information, Saint Vincent DePaul now has bylaws and is still awaiting needed repairs.

Saint Mary's School: A written report was provided which is attached and made a part of these minutes.

Youth Ministry: A written report was provided which is attached and made a part of these minutes.

Young Adult Ministry: A written report was provided which is attached and made a part of these minutes.

Committee Reports

Volunteer Recognition: The Knights of Columbus were recently recognized at mass. Renee Cudney nominated and John Lynch seconded that the Pastoral Care Ministry volunteers be recognized during the next quarter.

Safety: One issue recommended by the insurance company remains under consideration with the Bishop.

Social Concerns: There was no report. Father August will ask if this ministry wants to send a representative or a written report in the future.

Amazing Parishes: This ministry is looking at quarterly social service projects, specifically how to start this in a way that will be sustainable.

Parish Events Noted: See the bulletin, website, Facebook and Parish App.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 am, following a closing prayer.

**Respectfully submitted,
John Lynch
Secretary**