

Cathedral of St. Mary

Parish Council Minutes

April 9, 2019

Fr. August opened the meeting with Prayer.

Attendance (Those present in Bold) **Fr. August Koeune**, Carey Hartmann, **Kelsey Kean, Ed Avery**, Rosemary Barrett, Flossie Vance, Maynard Richmeier, Dianne Gonnely, **Patrick Lane**, Katherine Castenada, John Lynch, **Renee Cudney**, Father Jamion Dominic, Father Andrew Kinstetter, Brian Greene and **Jim Casey**.

March meeting minutes were approved after a motion by Ed Avery and a second by Jim Casey.

New Business

Tom Jacobsen talked first because he had to leave early. Tom talked about the church bell and how Amazing Parish are excited about a new way to ring our church bell. Neill and Tom climbed up in the bell tower about a month ago. The bell sits on a platform, it is dirty and needs to be cleaned. It is a good quality bell, McShane is the brand of the bell. They discovered that the bell had an imprint of St. John the Baptist 1883. It was the original bell from the church.

Tom has done some research on how to ring the bell. A company in Wisconsin can come here inspect the bell and put it on a cradle and the bell can be automatically programmed from your phone to ring when you want it to ring. There are two programs. 1) A stationary ringer the least favorite would not swing the bell and just have a monotone ring (Presbyterian Church has this kind of ringer) it would cost about \$7,200.

2) Chime master the bell would swing as if you were pulling it manually and would have a fading bell sound not just a monotone sound. It would require some encased bearings and some more work. The cost would be \$15,000.

Both of these programs have a two year warranty on electrical parts. The company said the biggest issue with the bells is to keep the birds out of the bell tower.

Jim Casey recommended for the Chime Master package. Fr. August made motion for the Chime Master to include a fundraiser and to bring it to the Board of Directors and later to the Finance Council. Pat Lane second it and motion passed.

Representative Reports:

Pat Lane also had to leave early so he gave his St. Mary school report. The school has an open house on April 17th from 5-7pm. They will have free pizza and tours of the school. They will also have Michael James Mette Concert at 7pm in the gym. April 16th Penance Service 1pm. April 28th First Communion 2pm. April 19th Good Friday 10:00am students will lead Stations of the Cross. All these events the public is welcome to attend.

Financial Update from Fr. August: The stock market is still doing well. The parish staff are working on their budgets for the new fiscal year. We talked about how the church could pay off our loan early and help save on interest.

Old Business:

Parish Mission: The Mission was well attended mostly by middle aged and older parishioners. They stayed after for fellowship. Father was pleased with the overall results.

Parishioner Concerns follow up:

Railing on North side: This has been installed and is complete.

Expanded cement pad to better accommodate wheel chairs by the main office doors. John and Fr. August are working with contractors to get bids for the cement pad addition.

Parish Concerns:

Kelsey had a parishioner approach him about including history of Past Priests that were at the Cathedral to put a small list or write up on our Cathedral website. Kelsey will talk to Neill about it.

Run the Legend Marathon Sept. 15, 2019 on Sunday we will put in the bulletin ahead of time a notice to make sure parishioners are aware of this going on and to make sure you give yourself plenty of time to get to Mass early.

New Business:

Parish Council, we will have four vacancies that will need to be filled for this term. We will accept nominees until June 14th and vote on the weekend Masses of July 13th and 14th. Renee talked to Michelle. Michelle and Pam have the dates for the bulletin and all the deadlines that will be dispersed on our various media outlets.

Representative Report:

The only other report was Youth Ministry. Renee informed us the youth this Sunday April 14th will be going to Colorado Children's Hospital. The youth will be helping patients do a craft activity. This will fulfill their Spring Service Project.

May 5th is the last class for the year. The combined Youth Ministry Summer program will kick off with St. Joseph's and St. Mary's youth on June 2nd 6:15-8:15pm. Food, games and Ice cream at St. Mary's Hartmann Hall. June 24-28th our youth will help with VBS hosted by St. Joseph and St. Mary. Free to all who want to participate, a free dinner served each night at 5pm-5:40pm followed by VBS at 6pm-8pm St. Joseph Church. Family movie nights throughout the summer.

Committee Reports:

Volunteer Recognition: Kelsey said we need to start thinking about a volunteer or group for the April-June time frame. Father mentioned nominating Knights of Columbus but we didn't have a quorum so we couldn't vote on it till the next meeting.

Safety: Father said the AED's are installed and training for the Staff will be in May.

Other Business:

Father said the final figures for Fanfare are not in but they think they did well equal to or better than last year.

Meeting was adjourned, following a closing prayer.

Submitted by,

Renee Cudney

Acting Secretary