

St. Patrick's Parish Council Meeting December 27, 2018

Present: Vicki Noonan, Mary English, Tom Donovan, Mark Redmond, Loras Federspiel
Jean Thier, Chuck Shanahan, and Cathy Rubel

Absent: Jay Decker

Kerri Takes also joined us to read a letter that we have received from the Molony Foundation. We were informed that the foundation was willing to donate \$50,000 toward the remodeling of the kitchen in the parish hall. They wish to be the sole sponsor of this project. If we go over this amount, they will consider donating additional funds. If we have funds left over from the remodeling project then the remainder of the funds may go toward the dismantling of the rectory.

There will be a committee of parishioners who will work on the layout for this kitchen remodel. Those on the committee at this time are, Jean Thier, Pearl Shanahan, Kelly Wink, and Vicki Noonan. The committee will meet again after January 1st.

This project would need to be completed by March 1, 2019, as there are two breakfasts scheduled for the parish hall in March. They are the Fireman's breakfast and the Parish St. Patrick's Day breakfast. The committee will need to decide the layout of the kitchen within the next week as the cabinets will take 4-6 weeks to come in once they are ordered. Mark will also contact several electricians and plumbers to see who would be available for this project. If it is felt that the project cannot be completed by March 1st then we will not start this remodel until after the breakfasts' that are already scheduled.

At this time, we plan to have a larger doorway, new upper and lower cabinets, new sinks, new flooring in the kitchen and bathrooms, new islands, range hoods over the stoves with the exhaust piped out, and replace the gears on the windows in the kitchen.

Dan Mahoney has gotten the contract for the pasture for the next three years. He will need to sign the contract as soon as possible.

The barn has been torn down by Doug Vorwald and now this area will need to be cleaned up. Tom, Mark, and Loras have spoken with Kevin Noonan and he stated that he will donate the equipment and the labor to clean this area. We will need to supply the material. The plan is to have this area cleaned and have access to the pasture. There will be a small patch of cement poured and we will install an energy free drinker on top of the cement pad. The cost for the parish will be between \$3000-\$4000 for the waterline, cement, fencing material etc. Mark made a motion for Kevin to proceed with this as soon as he is available and Jean seconded this. We were all in favor.

Vicki has received a letter from Msgr. Toale, who stated in his letter that he did not feel that investing money in the rectory would be good stewardship. "St. Patrick's has not had a resident priest since Father B. passed away in 2005, the building is not needed as a rectory. At present there are 78 active and 75 retired priests for a total of 154, a 30% decrease in a little over 10 years. We are challenged to provide priests for parishes to serve the 168 parishes. The rectory is not needed for office space since you are part of a cluster which has a central business office. While the church is a historic site, with Father Samuel Mazzuchelli having built the church, according to the history the rectory was built sometime between 1871-1902 during the pastorate of Father Kelly and thus not a direct connection to Father Mazzuchelli. Maintaining the church and parish center will be an ongoing need and priority for the vitality of the parish as well as spiritual growth and faith formation needs for present and future. Thus it is my recommendation not to invest in the rectory but in those things that will enliven the faith of the people for the future. "

We will discuss this further at the next meeting which is January 8, 2019 @ 7:00 @ Temple Hill.

Loras made a motion to adjourn, Chuck second it and we were all in favor of adjourning at this time.

Respectfully submitted

Cathy Rubel