

St. Patrick's Parish Council Meeting 01-14-2020

Present: Wanda Loewen, Chuck Shanahan, Tom Donovan, Eric Vaske, Adam Rollinger, Jean Thier, Deb Redmond, Loras Federspiel, and Cathy Rubel

Meeting has been called to order and opening prayer stated.

Jean made a motion to approve last meeting's minutes and Chuck seconded the motion.

Everyone received a copy of the Aquin Catholic Elementary School Pastoral Coordinator Report to read on their own. No questions were noted.

Wanda informed the council that Denny Brackemeyer and Mike Burke had gone to Bellevue to inspect their church bell. It appears that they have the same system as St. Patrick. We have a quote from Lee Manufacturing Company for a master clock of the church bell and striker. The master clock will reset automatically after power failure and reset automatically for daylight saving time. It also has battery backup. The master clock has custom made manual controls and can be changed. This electromagnetic striker can be installed for \$5000. For an additional \$400 this control for the bell will be moved from the front of the church, to the back. Denny and Mike have spoken to Mary Ann Merfeld and she agrees that the donation made by Willie should be used toward this purchase.

Chuck will check into whether lightning was the cause of the failure of the bell and organ. If this is caused by lightning then we will follow through with the insurance money and if not then we will use the money that has been donated. Tom made a motion to proceed with this plan and Chuck seconded it.

The thermostats have been installed in the hall and the church. In order to use the app on phones to have the thermostats controlled over the phone, we will need to have WIFI in the buildings. Bernard Telephone has offered a good will donation for the equipment for the hall. They state that we could get an antenna put in the church for a onetime charge of \$500. Jean will also check to see if she has a router that she would be willing to donate for this project. The advantage of having this will be that we will have 3-4 people with this app on their phones. They will be able to see the temp of the buildings from their home. The thermostat can remotely be turned up or down from their home. There has been a time in the past when the furnace had stopped and pipes froze. This will hopefully prevent something like this from happening again. Wanda made a motion to get the antenna to the church and Jean seconded it.

Kari then presented a copy of the account balances. She also presented the income and expense statement as of 12/31/19. Kari mentioned that she has paid expenses for the removing of the rectory totaling approximately \$22,000 to date. There will be more bills to come in. Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances this project ended, costing slightly higher than anticipated. Several council members did note that they have been told how nice the church and area look at this time. We will also be looking for volunteers this spring to help plant grass seed. Adam noted that when we are ready to plant the seed, Innovative Ag is willing to donate the grass seed.

With the amount of ice lately, Chuck has volunteered to pick up a couple bags of salt to have in the back of the church.

We will now have a lock box on the door of the hall. Wanda's phone number will also be posted on the window if needed. There will be others that will have spare keys as well. Members of the Bernard Fire Department will also have the code in case they are in need for the AED that is placed in the hall.

Wanda will be pricing shades for the windows in the hall.

Bob Steffen had some concerns in regards to his job duties. He noted that it would be beneficial if he was aware of activities scheduled at the hall. We will have Kris Pfab notify Bob when the hall has been rented or a wedding or funeral. Bob will make sure to take care of the parking lot by the hall and the driveway by the church.

Our next fund raiser will be the St. Patrick's Day breakfast. This will be held on 03/15/20. In the past the Mahoney family has donated the wagon filled with groceries. They have decided to step back from this at this time. Pearl Shanahan and Kelly Wink stated they will donate the wagon this year and we ask that parishioners help us to fill the wagon. We will have a box placed in the back of the church for nonperishable items. We will then be selling chances on this wagon to be given away at the breakfast. We will also be in need of helpers for this date. This fundraiser always has a great turnout for our parish. We can always use extra hands to help cook, serve food, pour coffee, carry trays, clear tables, work at the country store, etc. Many hands make light work. So please help us by donating your time.

We will be having three parish council members stepping down from their position on the parish council. Please give this some thought and let any of the council members know if you would be interesting in joining. The elections will be held in May.

The next meeting will be March 10th at Sacred Heart followed by May 12th at St. Peter's, and finally June 9th at St. Patrick's Parish

Deb made a motion to adjourn and Jean seconded it.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Rubel