

St. Mary's Parish Council Meeting

Thursday, September 12, 2019

The meeting opened with a prayer led by Father Jazmines.

Present were Frank Laverghetta, Deacon Patrick Donahue, Theresa Leeson, Noel Voos, Cathy Voos, Mary Boucher, Anna Delles, Dennis Olshfski, Jeffrey Hughes, Judy Stoffel, Gail Patrick, Kareta Olshfski and Father Vicente Jazmines.

Joseph Drake emailed this week to Father his resignation from the Parish Council.

The minutes of the July 18, 2019 meeting was presented for review. Minutes unanimously approved as presented.

Floor covering for St. Mary's was discussed. It was decided that several quotes and ideas should be obtained and Kareta was asked to contact the following vendors: Home Depot (Mary Young), Lowe's, Hang Up Put Down Shop. Father also expressed his desire to have the pews put in place following the installation of the new flooring and several members stated that in their experience these vendors have contractors that do this type of installation. Funds from the Capital Campaign will be used for these renovations.

In discussing the sale of St. Theresa's and St. Joseph's church, it was decided to keep on low heat for the winter, but drain the pipes and also have lights on at both facilities (perhaps motion lights). Father advised we are talking with people from the Boonville church that are interested in obtaining an altar and statues. There was discussion on placing statues in St. Mary's from both of the other churches. The exterior of the Theresa church has been pressure washed. The realtor was advised of the removal of the statues at St. Joseph's and the minor damage to the walls. After the Boonville church obtains items they desire, the balance of the furniture etc. will be given to representatives of St. James Church for a mission that they are assisting in New Mexico. The pews from both St.

Joseph's and St. Theresa's were discussed. Jeff Hughes stated that when they met with Monsignor Aucoin the proposal was to have the St. Joseph's pews on both the left and right side with pews from St. Theresa's along the exterior walls. This would provide an approximate additional seating for 15 people. Jeff further advised that he reviewed the structure and same is sound and will accommodate new flooring and the new pews. Deacon Donahue reported on the disposition of pews at a church he is working with for Catholic Charities. The pews were picked up by a contractor and he used the wood for smaller items that he makes.

Father advised that during a recent inspection of the churches by the Diocese of Ogdensburg, we were advised to have the steps going into the Parish Center repaired. The concrete has deteriorated, making them uneven.

Father advised that his installation for both St. Mary's and St. Paul's will be held on Wednesday, October 2 with Father Labaff presiding. There will be a Mass at 6 PM at St. Mary's followed by a reception at the Parish Center. Father asked parishioners to assist with the reception in the preparation of food and beverage. He asked that small sandwiches, vegetables, fruit, cookies, tea, coffee and punch be provided.

The Roast Pork Dinner to be held on Saturday, October 12th from 4 to 7 PM was discussed. A raffle of an electric grill and large pasta basket will be drawn at the dinner.

Father asked Kareta to speak with the officials at the Capital Campaign office to determine if we could use funds for painting, flooring and installation of pews at St. Mary's and how many bids need to be submitted.

The balance on the loans of St. Mary's is \$6,569.46 and St. Theresa's is \$1,146.36.

The religious education program was discussed. Father asked how many students have registered and how that compared with previous years. Also the frequency of classes was discussed. Deacon Donahue reviewed the program and structure

he used when he was Director of Religious Education and also Noel Voss discussed the present structure. It was felt that more students will be registering and also called attention to the fact that several students with parents in the military have been transferred from the area. Father asked how many students would be in the confirmation class and was advised one. He said he would give thought to combining the confirmation class with Black River since there are so few students. Noel will prepare some information to be included in the bulletin in the hopes that parents will then register their children.

There was discussion on how receipts are recorded in the bulletin. Several committee members feel they would like to have the expense figures to operate the church along with the weekly receipts appear. Kareta explained that she was requested to put the monthly income along with the past five years for the same month. Also, Kareta asked if it was necessary to have the St. Mary's receipts appear in the St. Paul's bulletin. No, that figure will only appear in St. Mary's bulletin.

Father thanked members for their attendance and in assisting with his installation service and reception.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.