

St. Mary's Parish Council Meeting
Thursday, August 27, 2020

Father Jazmines opened the meeting at 7 PM with prayer. Present were Francis Veivia, Jeffrey Hughes, Mary Boucher, Dennis Olshfski, Gail Patrick, Noel Voos, Judy Stoffel, Frank Laverghetta, Anna Delles and Kareta Olshfski.

On motion by Mary Boucher, seconded by Dennis Olshfski, it was unanimous that the minutes of the meeting held on February 20, 2020 be approved.

The members were presented with the Budget for 2020-2021, Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2020 and Income and Expense Statement as of June 30, 2020 with comparison to June 30, 2019.

Father reported that the sale of the Theresa church was completed on June 22, 2020 and the net proceeds of the sale was \$40,715.00.

Father reported that many of the items within the Philadelphia and Theresa church were either sold or donated to other churches. The pews of the churches were either sold or made into benches by Andy Kilcer and all have been sold.

Upon the sale of the Theresa Church \$40,000 was placed in the Joseph Morgan Trust with the Diocese of Ogdensburg. The balances in the Capital Campaign accounts total over \$20,700 which can be used towards the repairs to the driveway and belfry.

Quotes were presented to members from North Country Paving and Ruston Paving for the repairs to the driveway entrances. After discussion Kareta was asked to meet with Ruston and obtain an updated quote for repairs to the entrance only at this time.

The quote from Continental Construction was reviewed for the restoration of the bell tower. Kareta was asked to meet with them and obtain a new quote for the repair to the belfry only. The painting of the trim of the church etc. will be reviewed with other contractors.

Father reported that the St. Mary's rectory was made available to a parish family, after consulting with the Diocese. They have painted the walls, had the carpets professionally cleaned etc. at their own expense prior to moving in. They are giving a monthly donation for living at the rectory while their new home is being constructed. Since that is delayed due to the COVID-19 we anticipate they will be living at the rectory through the summer of 2021. This also serves to have someone on site to protect the property of the church.

Each fall the parish holds a Roast Pork Dinner. After reviewing the guidelines as required by NYS and also the Diocese, it was decided that the proposed dinner be reviewed in the spring as conditions and regulations relating the COVID-19 change.

A survey has been directed to parents of students enrolled in the Faith Formation. To date only 2 have been received and 2 have been returned as undeliverable by the post office. Father explained his concerns about being unable to educate the children since the parents are not attending Mass. Confirmation for our students will be held in the Spring and Noel has been trying to communicate with the parents in order to get the students ready. Father and Noel will meet with Patricia Newell at St. Paul's to review the plans for the fall.

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

