

**MINUTES FOR ST. MARK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Tuesday, November 10, 2020**

Fr. Jared started the meeting with prayer at 6:10pm. Members present: Fr. Jared, Warren Emmer, Pete Artz, Jody Rosendahl, Addie Berg and Wayne Barbot – lay directors, and Vickie Gangl – secretary. Special guest – Lenny McGuire

**II. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. **Social Ministries**-Warren Emmer had a parishioner contact him about a health issue. Warren had Fr. Jared go to visit this parishioner and anoint them.
- B. **Liturgy Committee** - No report.
- C. **Religious education:**  
Grades K-6 and 7-12 – having a problem with COVID quarantining sidelining teachers and students both.  
Adult education/RCIA – there are no candidates for RCIA so Fr. Jared decided that with the COVID outbreak not to have Adult Ed until after we can get the vaccine up here.
- D. **Altar Society** - Vickie Gangl reported that the Altar Society is not doing much right now. The officers had a meeting on October 1<sup>st</sup> to discuss a plan to restructure the Altar Society. We then sent out a letter detailing the plan to all members. Vickie got a response from 5-7 people. Vickie then called a meeting on October 15<sup>th</sup> to present this plan to any members who wanted to come. After much discussion it was decided to table the restructuring until a later date – possibly March 2021 - to see if any more ladies responded to the letter. She has called a meeting on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00pm to further discuss the restructuring. Vickie has received some ideas from several people that are worth further discussion.
- E. **Knights of Columbus** – no report.
- F. **Cemetery Report** - Donna Porter took Fr. Jared out to Tarsus and they discovered that there is still a problem with badgers. This is an ongoing problem that will have to be looked into in the spring.
- G. **Maintenance Overview** – Lenny McGuire reported on the items on the maintenance list that he attended to, namely the water spout on the back side of the Social Hall that had been cut off and caused much damage to the siding. Lenny got that problem fixed by T & J Plumbing. He also worked with Blayne Graber to get the front doors of the Social Hall to work properly.
- H. **Financial Report** - Addie handed out financial reports to all members and discussed the financial situation of the parish. We are in fairly decent shape financially even though offerings are down because of lack of attendance because of COVID. We need to be frugal with our spending.

**III. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. **The Exterior Doors:** Lenny McGuire reported on the current status of the bids for the front doors of the church. He has been waiting for the bids for labor for the project for 3-4 weeks from some area contractors. He has gotten a firm bid on three different options for glass doors from Fargo Glass and Paint out of Minot. After much discussion, Warren made a motion to go with the first option from Fargo Glass and Paint and Pete seconded it. They would be equal sized doors equipped with egress hardware. They would be champagne-colored to match the pillars with tinted thermal glass. It was decided to put a notice in the bulletin alerting parishioners to this so that they can be aware of this project and have a chance to voice an opinion. The Parish Council decided to ask Lenny to contact Fargo Glass and Paint and see what kind of timeline we are looking at.
- B. **Stonework for portico, still needs to finish stone columns** – no change, Joe Whetter had said that he would finish this project when he came to do some work on the 4-Chaplain memorial.

- C. **Marion Honer Memorial, proposal from her family** – the Parish Council decided to put off this project until we had the funds to do all the work needed in preparation of lighting the picture that Marion Honer painted for the church. Fr. Jared is drafting a letter to send to the Honer family explaining why we are unable to do this at this time and that we are returning the money to them.
- D. **St. Anthony Shrine update** – he will hang out in the Social Hall for the winter until we can decide just where we want to put him.
- E. **An updated camera in the choir loft** – Warren reported that it would be a ½ day job to get a new camera wired into the balcony and connected to the TV in the Social Hall. We will then be able to live-stream the Mass instead of pre-recording it. There has been a delay while the contractor who is doing the job dealt with COVID in his family.
- F. **Parish Council elections – are we going ahead with this?** – we will be going ahead with Parish Council elections starting next weekend when we will ask for nominations to fill the 2 open slots.
- G. **What was done with the action items from the last meeting? Security update.** – The outside light over the north door – Mary has talked to Jon Beyer who is researching it and will get it done when they get a quote for the expense.  
Warren stated that he would like to have a security meeting with the ushers to instruct them on what to do in case of an emergency in the church complex.  
It was also decided that we would hold off on locking the church doors until we got the proper hardware for the south church doors. The north door of the Social Hall will be equipped with a keypad that we can give the combination to parishioners who would want to come in after hours.  
The yard light was replaced by Ottetail after a phone call by Vickie. The parking lot is now well-lit at night.

#### IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Twice Blessed** – Warren explained that the program starts on November 15<sup>th</sup> and runs through Advent. It is to raise funds to help indigent people – the hardship cases, that can't get help anywhere else. If we can raise \$1000, the St. Joseph's Foundation will match it and we will have \$2000 to help these people. It was decided to put a notice in the bulletin to ask for donations. It needs to be in the form of a check made out to St. Joseph's Foundation. It cannot be a check from the church, it has to be individuals.
- B. **Allowing the use of the outdoor nativity set elsewhere (i.e. – uptown gazebo or Tommy Turtle Park – girl scouts)** – it was brought up to Vickie to allow the Girl Scouts or the city use our outside nativity set if we weren't. After a discussion with the Parish Council, it was decided that we would be using it here this year and that Pete would bring straw bales to use for it.

#### V. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Action items identified and distributed
- B. Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm
- C. Next meeting on Tues, January 12, 2021

Respectfully submitted by,  
Vickie Gangl - secretary