

**ST. MARK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, October 13, 2020**

Opening Prayer—

**I. ROUTINE MATTERS**

A. Call to order

B. Approval of new agenda items

- A. **Financial Summary** – Addie discussed the financial situation of St. Mark’s Parish. Weekly offerings are down because of lack of attendance because of COVID-19. We will be all right until next year.
- B. **Security of the church buildings** – Warren discussed what we need to do to secure the buildings so that we do not have any unwelcome surprises like we did this past summer. Locking the doors overnight with a keypad on the north Social Hall door so that parishioners who want to pray after 9:00pm and before 7:00am can get in. He is working with a local firm on getting a new camera in the church and a keypad for the Social Hall door.
- C. **Long Term Planning:** Parish Council members were instructed to look over a list that Fr. Jared handed out and identify:
1. **The urgent needs of the parish as:**
    - a. Securing the doors and installing a new LED motion-detecting light over the north door. Mary was going to discuss this with her nephew to see how much a new light would cost. Vickie was assigned the task of getting hold of the right people to fix the parking lot light. Warren is willing to instruct the ushers on proper procedure in case of a disaster (i.e. shooting, fire) in the church.
    - b. Replacing the main door into the church – Adam reported on what his committee had discovered about the different kinds of doors we could get. They were waiting on some bids for the different doors. It was decided to go ahead with getting new doors as soon as possible and possibly selling the old ones to interested parties.
  2. **Important short-term items as:**
    - a. Decluttering the office by installing cabinets for more storage. Warren is going to check with Bottineau Lumber to see if they still had some cabinets that they couldn’t get rid of to see if they could sell them to us at a discount.
    - b. Making some changes to the Church yard – getting rid of the rocks on the corner of the boulevard, who will take care of the existing plants and plant flowers next spring, the gutters on the rectory?
  3. **Important long-term:**
    - a. Painting the church
    - b. New flooring in the church
    - c. Fixing the electrical problems in the church
    - d. Sanctuary renovation
    - e. Church parking lot
    - f. Fixing the cemetery problems (i.e. more space for St. Mark’s Cemetery, solving the badger problem at Tarsus)
    - g. Finding a location for the St. Anthony statue

Next Meeting will be on November 10, 2020 at 6:00pm.