

Minutes for Parish Council/Finance Committee Meeting

May 11, 2016

Members Present: Fr. Tony Fortman, Ashley Duling, Eric Kaufman, Dale Warnecke, Chris Hoehn, Jan Schroeder Lisa Meyer, Zach Morman, Amber Ellerbrock, Jerry Hanneman, Tom Nienberg, Jeff Ellerbrock, Michele Leopold, Traci Schierloh, Brendan Morman, and Kaitlin Brown. Finance Committee: Scott Welch, Dennis Gerdeman, Amy Ellerbrock, Julie Pothast, Lynn Meyer, Tim Sarka, Kim Hovest, Dave Hunt, Matt Laudick, and Michelle Nuveman.

Absent: Jane Kaufman

1. The opening prayer was offered by Fr. Tony Fortman, and he thanked the outgoing members for their years of service. Then we began with a review of our recent projects and discussions to update the incoming members.
2. Continuous security would be an option for the church at a cost of \$1100/year. Internet wiring would have to be installed and would allow 24/7 monitoring of the front of church, mainly in the sanctuary area, and be another way to stream Mass through Glandorf Telephone. We all agreed not to do this due to individual privacy concerns.
3. Capital Campaign update: Pledged - \$721,704 and Paid - \$549,984. We will be looking at what additional church projects might possibly be added if more money is pledged. Conrad Schmitt will be coming probably in June to review the job, and we will need to let Conrad Schmitt know in October if any other work may be added. We will send a letter to parishioners sometime this summer to update everyone on the details of the work that will be done on the church starting in January 2017 and inform them that Masses will not be held in church during that time but will move to the gym.
4. There had been the possibility of having the High Altar from St. Hedwig's church, being closed in Toledo, donated and installed behind our current Tabernacle. It was currently decided not to do a project like this at this time. Since then, a parishioner requested the option of purchasing and donating, St. Hedwig's Holy Family statue, as well as the cost of installation, for our church. We now have 2 Sacred Heart statues in church, one of which is located above the handicap restroom. The Holy Family statue would replace it, and the Sacred Heart statue would be moved to the Parish Center atrium/chapel. The councils agreed to this proposal.
5. The pews being restored are almost finished. Carpet cleaning in the church and Parish Center was completed this week. Blacktop quotes for the Parish Center parking lot are being obtained.
6. A small group of parish administrators met to discuss the logistics involved for holding Mass in the gym during church fiber glassing and painting. Topics included coordination with the sports activities, Tabernacle location, storage of vessels, vestments, and other Mass items, designating an area for Confession, and instructing those involved with Mass ministry on how to carry out their duties.
7. New business: There have been large amounts of rain in recent years, and the gutters on the rectory are too small to handle that much rain at one time. Also the carpet on the Mustard Seed/K of C insurance office front porch is trapping moisture. The wood on the north rectory

porch & steps and the Mustard Seed porch & steps are rotting because of these items. It was estimated that the cost of fixing these areas on the rectory could be around \$5,000-\$6,000 and \$4000 for the Mustard Seed porch. A quote to replace the gutters for the rectory is being obtained from Alt's. A motion to replace the wood of both porches and steps was made by Tom Nienberg and seconded by Jan Schroeder. The motion was approved. The rain run-off at the rectory is currently routed through the rectory basement. Since we are going to replace the gutters, it was suggested that we also look at properly re-routing rain run-off outside the building instead. This would have to be coordinated according to village regulations, and discussion will be tabled until quotes and more information is obtained.

8. The Parish Council and Finance Committee split to conduct individual business. The April meeting minutes were read by the secretary. Motion for approval was made by Amber Ellerbrock and seconded by Dale Warnecke. The minutes were approved.
9. The election of officers was held. Brian Schroeder was voted president, Jeff Ellerbrock vice-president, and Jan Schroeder secretary.
10. Some concerns of parishioners were brought to our attention, first a question on having a separate Mass for First Communicants for large classes. Our parish guideline is to have a 1:00 pm Mass for First Communion when there are 50 or more in the class. Another concern is, during high school CCD nights, it has been observed that some students drive too fast for a parking lot and darkness. A suggestion was made to caution the students at the beginning of the school year and as needed.
11. Also noticed was the state of the front doors of the church. They are in need of repair or replacement due to the condition of the wood, particularly at the bottom. A quote and options for doing so will be looked into, with the possibility of a donor helping with those costs.
12. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 27 at 7:00 p.m. in the church undercroft.
13. Closing prayer was done by Fr. Tony.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Hoehn