

Parish Council Meeting – September 20, 2011

The Parish Council Meeting was held in the Church Hall on the evening of September 20, 2011. Father John opened the meeting with a prayer and President Connie Frey called the meeting to order.

Parish Council members present: Father John, Jeanne Ambrose, Cindy Ballweg, Mike Ballweg, Ed Breunig, Jacob Breunig, Steve Breunig, Vince Breunig, Connie Frey, Jennifer Helt, Connie Lange, Sharon Schoepp, and Jim Wipperfurth.

The Secretary's Report was read and approved.

Ed shared information from the Finance Council on the 2010-11 and the 2011-12 church budgets.

Follow-up from previous meetings:

Boiler - Prairie Plumbing and Heating has started work on updating the second boiler.

Electronic logging of memorials - Progress has been made on this front. The information on memorials will be placed on a flash drive and kept in the office safe. In the process of collating this information, cemetery records have been found and have been turned over to the cemetery committee. Thank you to Ted Frey for taking care of this.

Location of the Statues, Relic, and Immaculate Heart Statue - Fr. John continues to work with Joe Stemper to find a matching Immaculate Heart statue. He does have 4 to 5 people interested in the larger set of statues that were previously donated. The proceeds from the donation of selling the larger statues will be put into the cost of the IH statue. We are still on a holding pattern with moving the statues until the IH is found. The relic frame is being worked on and the gold casing has arrived and is placed in a safe spot. Nothing will be moved until everything can be repositioned and replaced at the same time.

RE Center Doors - The painting of the RE doors have been completed. The Council would like to thank Logan Cable for donating his time and effort.

Cases of wine - Fr. John is working with Joe Stemper on this as well to see if they can find a home for it. It is a work in progress.

Repair of the overhang to the entrance of the Church Hall - The Council wishes to thank Roy Schoepp for his work on this.

Rectory Chapel - The Consecrated Women have decided that the Chapel in the Rectory does not need additional air conditioning, so this is no longer an issue.

Sound system in the Church Hall - Eric Breunig came to the Council and shared a quote of adding a back up microphone that can be using during Mass and that could be also used in the basement - it would tie into the system that is currently in place. The quote for the microphone would \$575, which would include the technician installing the addition to our sound system. The quote for adding a switch to turn off the system upstairs when someone is using the microphone in the basement would be \$325. The Knights of Columbus have agreed to pay \$400 toward the microphone and the CCW has indicated a willingness to pay the rest of the cost. The council approved this motion.

Buildings and Grounds:

Removal of Fallen Limbs and trees -The Council approved Ballweg Custom Sawing to remove an oak tree that is dying near the lower parking lot after the ground is frozen to protect the ground and parking lot. They will also be removing three trees from the west side and a small pine tree from east side of the church. They will also be trimming the oak trees when appropriate.

Mary Statue - Steve and Jacob updated the Council on the plans to move the Mary statue to the north side of the church and the landscaping that would be involved. Thanks to Steve and Jacob for their work.

Rectory soffit on the west side of the church - Jim shared that he has been working on getting bids on repainting.

Two way switch in the Church Hall - Mike has met with Doug Ballweg from Eagle Electric to look at changing how the light switches work in the basement to make it easier to turn the lights on and off in the basement. Changing the lighting system in the basement is cost prohibitive, so the Council decided to add a light switch at the north entrance of the church basement with a lighted switch. The Council also will ask Eagle Electric what the cost would be to rewire the entire basement for lighting for future reference

New Railing - It was reported to the Council that the new railing made by Endres Manufacturing is now in place on the north side of the church. Endres Manufacturing was paid for materials need in producing the railing, but the sandblasting and labor cost need to finish the project was donated by anonymous parishioners. The Council wishes to thank Endres Manufacturing and the anonymous donors for the railing.

Fall Clean up –The date of the Fall Clean Up will be on November 6th at noon. Jacob, Mike and Vince will be heading this up. Members of the congregation are encouraged to bring a rake and pitch in on this day. Many hands make light work.

Rectory Ceiling - Some of the ceiling tiles fell in one of the upstairs rooms in the rectory, due to the age of the tile. Bill went to Menards and look at the cost of putting up a new frame and ceiling tile in this room at a cost of under \$350 with Bill and Steve providing the labor. The Council approved this action.

Cluster Committee - There is still a Cluster Committee and there will be a meeting in the near future to talk about upcoming cluster issues. The Cluster Committee will continue to inform the Parish Council of any relevant business.

AED system - The Council had a discussion about purchasing an AED (Automated External Defibrillators) for the back of church. The Council is hoping to purchase this as soon as possible. The cost of the system is approximately \$1700. The Council is looking for parish members who are interested in donating money towards the installation of the AED. Anyone interested in donating should contact Council President Connie Frey.

Other Business:

Retaining Wall - Jacob and Steve are continuing to work upgrading or redoing the retaining wall on the north side of the church basement. They are continuing to explore options and will bring more information back to the November meeting.

New Business:

Confirmation - There will be no flowers needed due to the fact that there are 96 total participants for Confirmation. The Council needs to have two people there to serve as greeters. Jennifer, Sharon, and Vince will all plan on being there.

New Member Breakfast - Jeanne and Jennifer are working on inviting new parishioners to the breakfast on November 6, 2011.

Copy Machine - The Gordon Flesch Company has notified the church that due to the unavailability of parts, they will not be renewing the Guaranteed Maintenance Agreement on the copier in the Religious Education Center. Jacob and Steve will be following up with Gordon Flesch and other companies to get bids in case our copier goes down. There is no action at this time.

Possible future agendas items:

1. Bylaws of Parish Council –Father John is still waiting on information from the diocese
2. Wish list—Ed will work with the Finance Council

Immaculate Heart Statue

The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the Church Hall

Respectfully submitted,

Vince Breunig