

ST. TERESA OF AVILA PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES
AUGUST 19, 2021

OPENING PRAYER: Sister Ruth

PRESENT: Father Art, Sister Ruth, Sheila Ernst, Barb Thoma, Steven Flumerfeldt, Tom Bergman, , Jim Schneider, Margie Wood.

EXCUSED: Dick Campbell, Deacon Ron, Wally Smith

MINUTES: A motion was made by Steven Flumerfeldt and seconded Barb Thoma. to accept the minutes of June 17. 2021. All attendees were in favor, and it was moved.

ONGOING BUSINESS:

A: Building & Grounds Committee:

- Checked the basement to determine leakage repair. The hole in the subflooring will need to be enlarged in order to tighten the shower drain line nut. Moved to later.
- Several repairs were made throughout the building that included: fixing various small water leakages, replacing a cover on the switch box in kitchen, replaced float on new sump pump, timer reprogrammed for the spotlight on the stained-glass window. There was also some polishing done to the candle topper. The convent also received some repairs including replacing damaged light sockets in the ceiling and the sink drain repaired.
- A wax gasket was replaced in the rectory bathroom, however there is a faucet that will be replaced later.
- Parish Picnic: extension cords placed for music, and cold machines. Wired to a 220V power outlet to accommodate the AC unit for the picnic, but the AC ended up not being used for the picnic. Landscaping such as trimming bushes were completed before the parish picnic.
- Investigating window well overflow to prevent it from leaking into the basement. Moved to later.
- A Crane was purchased to make some repairs to the 200 lbs. plates that cover the septic tanks which needed to be pumped out. The cost of the crane was \$120.
- A 500 lb. fireproof filing cabinet was purchased for the church, but a dolly needed to be rented to move it to the rectory meeting room. A few men from the parish helped in moving the furniture.
- Windows need to be replaced but it is a large job that will require 40-50k mainly due to the chance there could be asbestos. It is felt that if a group of parishioners could get together the prepping work could be done in house. Steve volunteered to help. It was also mentioned that Steve installed flooring for the back porch of the convent.
- Some items on the task list are the need to Create a Maintenance File for organizing various tasks like annual/biennial maintenance. The Sidewalk by the parish hall needs to be repaired. Classroom #1 is closed until the leak in the ceiling can be properly replaced, but for now the temporary repair is holding up.
- Classrooms have been cleansed and floors waxed.
- An industrial Dehumidifier in the basement for keeping it mildew free.
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B: Women's Guild Update:

- The Guild took Sr Ruth and Sr Gerard to lunch on August 19 in celebration of their anniversaries at St Teresas.
- Made generous donations and provided help at the parish picnic. Father extended the parishes thankfulness to them.
- Next meeting is in September

C: Religious Education Update:

- The new school year calendar was discussed along with the sacramental dates that have been chosen.
- The procedures and guidelines still need to be addressed as soon as more guidance from the CDC is given. Most likely masks will be required in the classrooms. Safety is a concern, and those policies will be added and in place when school begins in the fall.
- The Catechists meeting will be help in early September.
- There was a brief discussion on registration decline.

D: Salt & Light Update:

- Brothers of Mercy still not able to accept the cookie social due to pandemic.
- Books for Tots were distributed.

E: Knights of Columbus Update:

- The Knights meet every third Tuesday of the month at Our Lady of Peace Church.
- Due to the pandemic, they were not able to have as many fundraisers like normal.
- They are amid a major fundraiser raffle. They are distributing envelopes with tickets and asking for them to be sold and returned.
- The Knights from the road to renewal cluster helped with the parish picnic.
- The Knights helped again this year to keep order at the Church's parking lot during the fireworks. The Port-a John was placed in the parking lot by the Chamber and the Celebration Committee.
- They pass a hat around for donations at their meeting to support a charity and this time it was the Newstead Food Pantry who received the \$300 collected.
- "Thank you" letters were received by the Knights from their past donation.
- It was suggested that ST TERESA team up with the sister parishes to present an advent booklet that the Knights will support. More information to follow.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- **Jerry Siuta attended the meeting to voice his concerns relating to the council and parish organizational structure and transparency. Many suggestions and ideas were introduced, and he will help with the implementation. BY LAWS and MINUTES were the two main topics and a vison/mission statement will be created.**

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NEW BUSINESS:

- Upon this Rock funds are still coming in, but the expected amount is not enough for the original project. A new HANDICAPPED BATHROOM will be constructed where the crying room is now. The crying room will then move into the library. Two side doors will be added, and the front door will go away, thus making the atrium more energy efficient.
- Summer Picnic was held this year on August 14, 2021, and it was a huge success. It was mentioned that Masters BBQ were not properly credited for the Chicken because the eating utensils that were used were left over from the fish fry supplied by BW BBQ.
- Joe Diggs is working with Deacon Ron for the youth group. They have already placed programs together and this weekend will be a pizza & wings get together. Some of the programs include a "TRUNK & TREAT" theme, and a Retreat. More Information as available.
- Father Art is looking for another volunteer to help Lisa Reigle by attending Road to Renewal meetings and sharing information with us.
- An event committee is in the process of being formed for all the various events that are being planned by the PARISH.
- Events so far in the planning stage are: The Chili Cookoff Oct 17, Meat Raffles, Nov 13 and March 13.
- The Town Hall meeting is still being planned.
- It was asked that all committees send in their notes/updates via email to Margie a week before the next parish council meeting. They will be recorded and sent back for review.
- Steve volunteered for the opening prayer and Father Art will do the closing prayer at our next meeting.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

- The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

CLOSING PRAYER

- **Father Art**

NEXT MEETING: **September 16, 2021, at 7:00 P.M.**