

# St. Mary Parish Council Minutes

August 9, 2021

5:00pm

Call to order by Ruth

In attendance: Bob Hall, Scott Sterr

Council Members: Fr. Miniatt, Nellie Broeske, Sally Cole, Kathy Cook (late), Ruth Hall, Frank Marrese, Gerianne Weyer

Trustees: Anna Reinders, Patrick Heesen

Fr. Miniatt led everyone in an opening prayer.

Any corrections to and approval of May 26, 2021 meeting minutes (postpone until next meeting)

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- A) Sound system: proxy arrived, but Darren has been unresponsive. There are items on back order (or he may be on vacation). Ruth will call again.
- B) Church roof: Walk-through completed by Mick Puccetti, Ruth and Bob Hall, Scott Sterr and Fr. Miniatt. Great Lakes subcontracted the painting to another subcontractor. Mick will look at it with the subcontractor. The inward facing surfaces weren't done, and other things still need to be cleaned up and straightened out before it is completely finished. Mick will be getting back to us to let us know when it will all be addressed.
- C) Masonry work all around the steeple and church: Capelle started 5/25/21 and completed within a few weeks but there are some things that still need to be cleaned up. Father contacted Don about the concerns and he said they will send someone to finish the cleanup this week.
- D) School radiator regulators: The radiators are all fixed at school. Luke Luedtke put in a transformer for free. It was recommended to put a "thank you" recognition in the bulletin for him. Father will ask Marissa to put it in this week's bulletin.
- E) Building and Grounds Committee: They have an organizational meeting scheduled for August 17<sup>th</sup>.

## **PASTORAL REPORT**

- A) I am an uncle 😊 My sister had a baby boy today!
- B) The Little Flowers group is being started. Hannah Holzmann is the main person working with Lesa. This group will be meeting once a month.
- C) There is a mass scheduled for Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm to celebrate our Patronal Feast and kick off the Religious Education year.
- D) Our cluster is hosting a pilgrim statue of our Lady of Fatima at St. Mary over September 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. There will be a procession after mass and time for adoration & personal prayer.

- E) Everyone should be familiar with the Parish Councils' Manual (pages 30-36 for a helpful place to start) and the Parish Pastoral Council Norms (only 11 pages long). This will help us begin the new year with clarity of purpose and continue the slow, steady process of organization in the parish. :)
- F) Knights of Columbus will be at the picnic on August 15<sup>th</sup> at St. Mary. They will be providing some brats and hamburgers. Father will make sure this information gets into the bulletin and on the Facebook page. Please come and plan to mingle and introduce yourself as a council member at the upcoming parish picnics! There will be another parish picnic at the St. John's Hall on September 12<sup>th</sup>.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- A) Discuss Scott Sterr's volunteer role in Buildings and Grounds:
  - 1) Scott wanted clarification to help him understand his role & responsibilities as the Chair of the Building and Grounds Committee. He would like everything to go through him so he is aware of any issues.
  - 2) Scott will get a hold of Ralph Langenecker to find out any scheduled maintenance. Chuck Dineen, Archie Serwe, and Frank Marrese are also on the committee.
  - 3) As per our discussion, after getting a quote or making any small repairs, Scott will go to the finance committee for approval. He will contact Maria Wondra who is the Chair of this committee. He will always keep the budget recommendations in mind.
- B) Children's Choir: Father suggested rotating the masses with the Children's Choir. They have been singing only at the Latin mass times but it was suggested that they sing at the Lady of Fatima mass at St. Mary's on September 11<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm.
- C) Possible marker/sign for St. Mary's Cemetery: Ruth was approached that someone is willing to donate a marker or sign for our cemetery. Please bring any ideas or suggestions to our next meeting.

Date of the next meeting is scheduled for September 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm.

Father Miniatt motioned for the meeting to be adjourned and it was seconded by Bob Hall. Meeting was adjourned.

Father Miniatt gave a closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Nellie Broeske  
Kathy Cook