

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH COUNCIL
Meeting of Monday, January 11, 2016 – Minutes

Attending were Brenda Oster, Finance Council rep; Jim Brickey, Building and Maintenance chair; Donna Hafner, elected member; Mary Krogman, Council vice-chair; John Dvorak, elected member; Amy Miklos, Young Adult and Youth rep; Fr. Kerry Prendiville; and Ed Fischer, Council chair.

Dirk Jablonski of ACES was a guest at the meeting.

The meeting began at 6:00 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

Jim Brickey reported that the leak above the stairs on the north side of the Church building was repaired.

Architectural plans drawn up for front entrance proposal several years ago – Brenda Oster reported that Craig Bobzien still has the drawings. No professional architecture/engineering work had been done, but Fr. Peter Kovarik had drawn up the plans on a home computer program.

Fr. Kerry reported that there will be a follow-up meeting tomorrow on the plans to carry out the Year of Mercy in the parish. Also, Fr. Kerry called Mike Lewis about the sign for the Parish Center.

Motion was made to approve the minutes. Minutes were approved.

Dirk Jablonski of Affordably Creative Engineering Services (ACES) spoke to the Council about a proposal to pave the west parking lot at the time the City of Custer contracts the asphalt paving of Bryden Street alley. Mr. Jablonski had sent several email transmissions with the information, which Ed had summarized for Council members as follows:

1. ACES has a contract with the City of Custer to design paving of the alley west of the Church, adjacent to our lot;
2. Ideally the lot work and alley work would be considered and done together; this could reduce costs;
3. ACES offered their design services to us at reduced cost;
4. Mr. Jablonski would be glad to meet with us;
5. Our lot is about 22,000 square feet; two paving options were considered – double-blotter is a short-term fix costing \$13,000-17,000 that would begin to deteriorate in 2-3 years; asphalt overlay would cost \$70,000-80,000 and would last 15-20 years;
6. Grading work to control erosion would cost another \$20,000-35,000;
7. ACES offered to do survey, design and represent the Church working with the contractor for a reduced, below-normal-cost fee of \$3200.

Mr. Jablonski verified that this summary was correct. He said he would need to know by early March to allow the parish to be considered in the larger bidding process on the City work. He said the mobilization cost for a project of this kind could amount to \$20,000 or more. By having the same contractor do the parking lot the parish could potentially save this amount of money over mobilizing a separate contractor to come in and do only that work.

The Council considered factors and costs. The following funds could be available:

- \$59,000 in savings
- \$17,700 in capital improvement
- \$36,000 in checking

Fr. Kerry said he would need to present and explain the decision to the congregation. A capital project of this type would need to be approved by the Diocesan Building Committee and Consultants group. That group meets January 18.

The Council discussed writing a letter to the Parish at large and including it in a bulletin. Fr. Kerry will write the letter, with review from Ed and others. Important points:

- Describe the opportunity that presents itself
- Present the rough cost of the project
- Describe what we have available and what we would need in funding

Mary Krogman moved to spend money for the design work now. The motion was seconded, and approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Women of St. John's meets January 19. Claire Ten Eyck will present on Works of Mercy. WSJ will provide a light meal in the Parish Center after the Confirmation Mass on Saturday evening, March 12.

Religious Education – Catechist workshop this Saturday, January 16.

Liturgy Committee – Fr. Kerry said that Fr. Ron Seminara will again be here for Holy Week Triduum Masses and services.

NEXT MEETING

Monday, February 15, 6:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned about 7:30 p.m.

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