

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH COUNCIL  
MEETING OF FEBRUARY 15, 2016

-- Minutes --

Attending were Donna Hafner, elected member; Mary Krogman, Council vice-chair; John Dvorak, elected member; Amy Miklos, Young Adult and Youth rep; Joe Uhrich, Knights of Columbus rep; Fr. Kerry Prendiville; and Ed Fischer, Council chair. Jim Brickey, Building and Maintenance chair, also attended.

Excused: Brenda Oster, Finance Council rep.

Dirk Jablonski, ACES, was present for the meeting.

The meeting began about 6:00 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

Parking Lot

Very few comments were received from parishioners concerning the proposal to pave the west parking lot. Ed received two in favor; Jim received one against; and Fr. Kerry one in favor.

Council members asked several questions of Dirk Jablonski concerning the proposal, as follows.

*Q: Do we need an agreement with the City of Custer to pave the southwest entrance to the lot, which lies on City right-of-way?*

A: The City will award their contract March 7. It's in the City's interest to pave this area for erosion control. Dirk expects the City will require us to pave that area. Dirk and Jim will meet with Bob Morrison, City Engineer, to discuss further. The lot has been surveyed.

*Q: Why not pave just part of the lot, leaving the west side graveled, to save money? We don't use that much parking normally.*

A: This would not save that much money. To pave only two-thirds of the lot would save about \$14,000. What we would not pave we would gravel, and we'd still need to grade it.

*Q: Would a gravel base be sufficient to support heavier vehicles such as a garbage truck?*

A: The concern is valid. Need to balance the cost and expected traffic. Could toughen one spot with minimal extra cost. Or, could move the dumpster. There was further discussion on that idea, but no decision.

Further information:

Dirk will ask Bob Morrison about the west end of the sidewalk along Harney Street. Will the City do it? (Joe said that if the City doesn't do it, the KCs could.)

Next steps:

- Once we have a bid, Fr. Kerry must write a letter to the Bishop, transmitting a corporate resolution signed by Parish trustees (Parish Council and Finance Council chairpersons).
- After March 7 we will know more about the cost for the lot – the Council could take a final vote at that time on the proposal.
- Dirk will advise Jim Brickey, Fr. Kerry and Ed when he meets with the City.

Moved and seconded – advise City of our proposal – ten-foot parking spaces, graveled on the west side (City portion of the lot). Motion was approved unanimously.

#### NEW BUSINESS

The ham dinner is scheduled for Sunday, March 13, 2016.

KCs pancake breakfast is scheduled for Palm Sunday, March 20. This will be a fund-raiser for Andrew Larcher, who is raising money to fight cancer in young adults.

Confirmation retreat this weekend.

Discussion on possible installation of air conditioning in the church. Joe had spoken to several installers about split units, which apparently have been placed in several churches and appear to be a good option. Joe felt the cost would be less than \$7,500 each, installed. Mary Krogman will talk to some installers in Rapid City and try to get some estimates.

#### NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, March 15, 6:15 p.m.