

Parish Council Meeting October 22, 2013

Attending: Fr. Kerry Prendiville, Janet Woytassek, Donna Hafner, Amy Miklos, Mary Krogman, John Dvorak, Ed Fischer.

OLD BUSINESS

Roof repair – Mary Krogman said Don Kistler told her he had talked to three prospective contractors, but gotten no bids yet. He will continue to work on it.

Snow removal – Mary had talked to John Hoover. John will work with Harold Waltman and Steve Davis to accomplish snow removal this winter. Mary will follow up with John to assure that the sidewalks are covered in the plan.

Facility use policy – The current consideration is for use of the Parish Hall only, and not the Parish Center (annex). Janet W. had worked with Brenda Oster on suggestions for policy on one-time events. They had reviewed fees assessed by other churches, and recommend that we either assess a fee or let the facility be used free of charge, rather than ask for a donation. The fee should at least cover the cost of cleaning up after any events. They also recommend that Karen Thomsen be the church contact for requesting facility use, and that she keep the calendar to avoid double-scheduling.

For outside weddings (not involving parishioners) Fr. Kerry suggested we assess a fee of \$150.

Janet and Brenda will draft a policy based on their recommendations, and send it to Ed and Fr. Kerry for distribution and review by other Council members.

Kitchen remodel – Dorothy Vershure came in to talk to the Council about remodeling work on the north end of the kitchen, including installation of a dishwasher in the small storage room on the east end. Dorothy is working with Dawn Holland, Dee Hone and John Fefjar to plan and implement an extensive remodel that was approved in principle by the Council at its last meeting. She brought a handout with quite a bit of information.

Renovation of this storage space to a dishwashing room would be the first action. Dorothy said that Freeman Electric and Studt Electric had reviewed the proposal and found it feasible to use existing electric service. Mayer Plumbing believes the plumbing part of the plan is feasible, but will need to excavate some concrete through asbestos tile to verify that.

Dorothy had gotten bids for the electrical and plumbing work.

Equipment and materials currently in the kitchen storage area will need to be moved out to allow renovation work. Fr. Kerry approved storing those materials in the rectory basement, in the northeast room.

The renovation of the kitchen itself would follow. This work involves installation of a steam table where the counter is located below the serving window; replacement of some cabinets; plumbing work to renovate the sinks; and new flooring. Custer Industrial will do the sinks, since they are of a unique size and this is a specialty job.

Several Council members were concerned that the renovation work be completed before the Ham Dinner. Dorothy said she expected the work to be complete by early March 2014. Rather than give a briefing to the parish at large, Dorothy will write a notice for the bulletin. She had already given materials to Karen Thomsen to be posted on the parish website.

Jobs and job descriptions – Mary Krogman had asked Billy and Barb Caylor to track their work tasks for two weeks. Based on this information Mary and Fr. Kerry will draft a list of tasks, verify it with the Caylors, and bring it to the Council for review.

No further work has been done to fill the vacant Building and Maintenance post. Mary and Joe will work further on that.

Many thanks to those who worked to open the Grotto back up to the public. Mary, Joe, Leroy Anderson and several others participated in a work day. Good job, folks, it looks great!!

There was some discussion on use of the lower garage. Several concerns were voiced. Fr. Kerry will report back to the Council at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Senior Meals Program – Remodeling of the south end of the Parish Hall is proposed (old Religious Education store room). Remodeling would accommodate the freezers that are currently along the east wall of the Hall. Fr. Kerry said the program is paying the parish \$300 per month for use of the facility. He will check on the sponsoring entity and report back.

Chronicle Posting – The parish will purchase an advertisement in the Custer Chronicle. Fr. Kerry will see this is done.

Suburban – It was decided at the last meeting to donate this vehicle to the Lakota Ministry at Standing Rock at McLaughlin, SD. The vehicle apparently sustained some hail damage to the windshield in the storm earlier this fall. Fr. Kerry will ask Don Kistler or another person to work with the insurance company to replace the windshield before we turn over the vehicle.

Fr. Kerry asked the Council members for input on payment for Magnificats/Magnifikids. Due to a misunderstanding the change that Hot Springs is making to have their members pay for these subscriptions this year was also instituted in Custer. The question to the group was whether the parish should continue this arrangement this year or revert to having the parish pay for these. Some \$2200 is budgeted for this item, but about \$550 has already been received from parishioners. In some families more than one member is taking a subscription. There was no resolution, and Fr. Kerry will take the discussion under advisement.

REPORTS

A Finance Council report summary had been received. Envelope and student collections are at 22% of expected for the year; plate collections are at 43%. The next two quarters' receipts are expected to be less since visitor numbers are less. Wombacher Fund has been reimbursed to full

principle. New Parish Center collections were generous, and the principle balance is about \$35,000.

Women of St. John's report, from Janet W. – The group has gone to quarterly, rather than monthly meetings. The WSJ intend to donate to the Rancher Relief Fund, and will work with Fr. Kerry on that.

NEXT MEETING

Tentatively the next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, December 10, pending review of the church calendar (if the penance service is not scheduled that evening).

-- Janet can't make it 12/3

-- Amy can't make it on Monday nights

(NOTE: After the meeting it was discovered that there will be a penance service at St. John the Baptist on Tuesday, December 10. We may move the meeting date to December 3 (sorry, Janet), but will wait till Fr. Kerry is back for a final decision on that. – EF)

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