

St. Clement Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday, December 18, 2024

6:00 - 7:15

Members present: Fr. Michael Schueller, Trevor Gotto, Tim Daly, Jeremy Junk, Tommy Flynn & Dawn Klostermann

Agenda Items:

Prayer

1. Financial Statements

- a. Review of financial statement and explanation of budget completed by Fr. Mike.

2. Lights in the Hall Gymnasium

- a. Lights in the gym burn out frequently and this is becoming hazardous for those who need to climb ladders to change bulbs.
- b. LED bulbs have replaced incandescent bulbs.
- c. Project cost was \$8,000; bulbs should last for many, many years.

3. Heaters in Hall Gymnasium

- a. The heater has not worked in the SE corner of the gym, causing the other heater to work doubly hard.
- b. Bill McMahan, who provided HVAC service to the newly renovated convent, proposed purchasing new units for both the gym and the lower level of the hall. Estimated to cost \$23,000.
- c. The units will be "older" models that will be purchased at a reduced price.
- d. The new units will provide heat upstairs in the gym AND air conditioning for the downstairs, and will be more energy efficient.
- e. The council suggested raising the rent to off-set the cost of updating the HVAC from \$100 to \$150.
- f. Fr. Mike strongly opposed raising the rent due to people taking their frustrations of a higher fee out on the parish office personnel.
- g. Members of the council said that disgruntled parishioners could call them instead.

4. Blackstone Griddle

- a. There is a restaurant grade griddle for sale listed at \$2500.
- b. The griddle will be used at breakfasts and for the fish fry.
- c. It will need a conversion kit to transition from natural gas to LP gas.
- d. Council will need to work with Phil Kruse to find space to store the griddle on church grounds, since it is very large.
- e. Matt McCarthy indicated he will donate \$500 towards the purchase of the griddle.

5. New Playground Equipment

- a. Tommy Flynn has been researching new playground equipment.

- b. He will be asking for grants, but a private donor indicated a donation of \$6,000, but needs to write a check before the end of 2024. This will be put in a special savings account to be utilized for the purchase of the playground equipment.
- c. Fr. Mike stated the new equipment will require an appropriate depth of base cushion material, which will increase the cost.
- d. Suggestion was made to propose a “Fund-A-Cause” at the auction in August.
- e. Tommy Flynn stated he will schedule an appointment with Chad Lukes to set up a special fund.
- f. There are members of the parish who have indicated they want to donate memorial monies to the church, and Tommy Flynn will inquire if they will allocate their donations for the playground.
- g. Discussion was held regarding the location of the new equipment, since the existing equipment will remain.
 - i. The proposed location is between the hall and the church.
 - ii. There will need to be careful mapping of the underground utilities located in that area.

6. Membership Postcards

- a. There was a random mailing of postcards to parishioners to determine if they want to be considered “active” members of the parish.
- b. Fr. Mike stated the purpose is to refine the mailing lists for efficiency and to update records.
- c. If postcards are not returned, recipients will be removed from the mailing list.

7. Exterior Lights for the Hall

- a. For safety and security purposes, lights should be installed on both the north and south corners of the hall.
- b. Tim Daly will ask Don Kass and/or Ed Lehmann, members of the building and grounds committee, to gather quotes for materials and installation.
- c. Grant money may be available for this project.

Respectfully submitted by Dawn Klostermann 08/07/2024