

ST. VINCENT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 8/6/17

Father opened the meeting with a prayer. **Council members in attendance:** Father Joe Forcelle, Cindy Ludens-Trustee 5year term-ending 2020, Dorothy Dean-3 year term-ending 2018, Carl Eastman-Trustee 5 year term-ending 2020, Ron Renner-3 year term-ending 2018 and Lisa Kelley-3 year term-ending 2018.

I. For board member terms it has been agreed that beginning 2018 we will reappoint a new council member each year instead of all at once.

II. **Finances & Administration:**

- A. Financial report was handed out to each board member.
- B. Private Mass stipend for 2017 has been changed back \$10 from \$15.

III. **Repairs & Upgrades:**

A. Jim Boza was in town to assess the Luden's home and she asked if he had time to take a quick look at the church since we had not received response from Scott Boska and he gave an estimate for immediate repairs needed to repair leaks at \$500.00. Motion was made to allow Jim Boza to do just the immediate roof repairs due to increasing damage occurring due to leaks and all were in favor. Father did receive bid from Scott Bouska for all the other repairs after Jim Boza looked at the roof and gave an estimate for all work needed to replace/repair eaves with aluminum, paint doors/down spouts, roof repairs etc. and it came to just under \$14,000. He still waiting on a bid for cement work in the front as it was agreed that the patch work is more of a temporary fix and will need more repairing before it becomes a hazard in addition it has also been noticed that the sidewalk on the south side of the church now has a significant gap between the sidewalk and the building that is too big to caulk or fill and weeds are starting to grow. He will ask Scott to remove the roof repairs from the estimate and add the concrete work that is needed. It was discussed that the repairs could take up to \$20,000 and that we send for permission from the bishop to get approved for getting up to \$20,000 out now so we are ready to start the repairs once the estimate is approved by the council.

B. **Other small repairs needed:**

1. The flag needs a new rope preferably nylon not cotton and will also new flag clips Carl will purchase and replace
2. Church sign has burnt out bulbs however Jeanie contacted the sign company and found out that the bulbs cannot be purchased at a hardware store that they would need to go through an electrical store and it was discussed to have Ken Peterson take a look at it and see if he can purchase and replace the bulbs due to it not being just a simple bulb replacement it may be a little more complicated.
3. New security light bulb is needed by the dumpster Carl will purchase and replace
4. Carpets in the entry and parish hall area could use cleaning Carl will set up a professional cleaner to come in and clean what is needed
5. Church cleaning is needed parish members will need to set up a cleaning day for parish members to volunteer to assist in a cleaning day where we do a more detailed deep cleaning and dusting of the church and parish hall.
6. Discussion was held on the smoking area in front of the church it was decided it needs to be where people can find it so we may just need to make sure it is emptied more frequently and make sure the area stays clean.

IV. **Cemetery:**

- A. We are still in need of a chairperson for the cemetery there are a few people willing to be involved with any help but no interest in taking the position. Chad Peters with Crosby Jaeger Funeral home will be our new Sexton he be responsible for working with the funeral homes, plot measurements for vaults as well as the cemetery map. Mary Hurd will continue to assist with the records and cemetery map as she has put in significant time to get it current.
- B. Mary Hurd gave father information on a recent letter received in reference to the church's cemetery and savings accounts. They have both been inactive for over 12 months. It was decided to leave the accounts as they are and possibly get a sign for the cemetery using money from the savings account. Any ideas would be appreciated and Father will check with the sign company that made our new church sign on the corner of Walnut Street to see what the cost would be.

V. Religious Education:

- A. Currently recruiting for CCD teachers, discussion was held on if there was anything they could do different for the younger students like possibly doing theirs Sunday mornings. However this would not allow for Father to be part of it and it would not work well for St. Vincent as they do not have enough kids to make it work.
- B. February 11th has been set as the Confirmation date and it will be held in Tabor at 3:00PM. Students from Tyndall, Tabor and Springfield who are freshman and sophomores will be confirmed. Students being confirmed from St. Vincent's will be Sydney Mueller and Makayla Kelley.
- C. Totus Tuus had around 30 in attendance this year with very few in the evening session. The plan for next year is to change the date to earlier in June in hopes of less interference with other activities.
- D. Steubenville Tripp was a success and Jolynn is looking into dates for next summer and other alternatives to Steubenville as well.

VI. Other:

- A. Members report shows St. Vincent has 108 members, 4 currently teaching Religious Education and 51 families.
- B. St. Vincent Budget net income of around \$500 / year.
- C. Budget is done on an automated spread sheet and there were several questions as to what things meant and what the breakdown is for St. Vincent on certain items where St. Leo and St. Vincent are combined. This is a fairly new system and may still have some things to be worked out and specific questions are to be directed to Mary Minnow as she is working hard to get everything to populate in the correct place.

- VII. The next meeting will be January 14th, 2018 after Mass.

Lisa Kelley, Secretary