

HOLY ROSARY PARISH COUNCIL AND
HOLY ROSARY FINANCE COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 21, 2017

Finance Council Members Present: Chairman, John Klinzing, Mary Ann Dietz, Rich Halfmann, Tom Fleming, Paula Pethan, Dan Schirmer and Jim Burnett. Staff Present: Sue Philippi, Business Manager and Joe Zenk, Parish Administrator. Jim McNally of the Building and Grounds Committee.

After a prayer led by John Klinzing, we went immediately to the Building and Grounds report with Jim McNally as follows:

Building and Grounds

There is a question of having internet in the church. There was one request to have it available so a ceremony may be streamed to relatives. Jim will investigate this further but will also make sure that approval is secured by the Diocese if it is a nominal cost to have it available.

The back curtains on the back stage are in very bad shape. Jim has provided a cost to replace them with new tracks of \$4,100.00. This something we will take up in the future.

The weed killer was approved and will be applied in the spring.

Old Business

The minutes of the October 17, 2017 meeting were discussed and on a motion by Mary Ann Dietz and seconded by Dan Schirmer, the motion was carried unanimously.

July through October, 2017 financials were reviewed and discussed. On motion of Jim Burnett and seconded by Mary Ann Dietz, the motion was carried unanimously.

Capital campaign was discussed. Sue Philippi reported that we have raised \$260,107.00 as of the annual meeting.

As of our last meeting in October, the parish office was sending approximately 250 letters to registered parishioners who have not given to the capital campaign. We are very, very pleased with the results of the capital campaign but we want to have everyone participating that we possibly could. We have 326 contributing units of \$100.00 or more in the parish. Approximately 35% of the parish has given, but approximately 100 parishioners have not given that actually get envelopes each year and therefore are regular contributors.

This was all discussed in the context of our original discussions at the initiation of the capital campaign and the involvement of the endowment fund and its chairman, Jack Leibham. Jack has expressed the feeling of the directors that a portion of the endowment fund may be used for capital improvements, but the endowment fund respectfully requested that all contributing members of the parish be personally contacted before the endowment fund be requested to contribute to this capital campaign.

Discussion was had regarding the possibility of making telephone calls to the regularly contributing members of the parish that have not contributed to the capital campaign. We are not asking the endowment fund to participate in this capital campaign. On balance, the finance Committee felt that the harm that could be done

by initiating the telephone calls by potentially alienating parish members who receive these telephone calls is out balanced by the good that might come in getting some small contributions through these telephone calls. The telephone calls will not be made and no further contact will be made with parishioners on the capital campaign other than the normal announcements that will come as to the projects that are being undertaken and success of the capital campaign and always an encouragement that if you would still like to contribute, you certainly can.

Along with this issue of the capital campaign, came the question of updating the parish records as to the list of members. Sue made it clear that our bishop's appeal is not dependent on who we have as registered members only as to the number of contributing members of \$100.00 or more. Given that fact, we wouldn't want to be removing people from the parish roster. Sue indicated that members are removed if they die or if they ask to be removed and other than that members continue on the parish roster.

New Business

Discussion was had regarding the rental rates for childcare, adult daycare and family gatherings in the school building.

We have had contact from Kristy Schmitz who is working together with apparently the New Holstein School District as well as a co-op that has been created. They currently run the Husky Den and are looking to potentially rent a portion of our school building, particularly the upstairs because it sets up better for them, to run a daycare for children 12 weeks to 4 years old from 6:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. John Klinzing gave them a cost break-out of what would have to be covered that was very much an approximation. Kristy Schmitz responded regarding the custodial care being higher than they thought it should be and the fact that although they would certainly expect to pay for the cost of the electricity for providing air conditioning, they would not be interested in contributing to the installation of air conditioning on the second floor. John is going to recompute the janitor cost and work together with Sue Philippi on that issue. We want to keep the dialogue open both for public relations and as a service to the community. We want to have the building used. Once John gets some new figures on the custodial cost and the necessity for custodial services because of the daycare, John and Joe Zenk will arrange a meeting with Kristy Schmitz.

The question of an adult daycare set up in the school in conjunction with Willowdale is on hold. There has been change in management at Willowdale.

As to family gatherings, we already have rates set for the gymnasium. Sue will arrange to have a notice in the bulletin of the availability of the gymnasium for family gatherings.

Discussion was then had regarding the Divine Savior subsidy. Joe indicated we need to look at this as a balancing test in that we have to weigh our duties as (1) stewards of the parish monies and (2) duty to provide Catholic education. Our present subsidy is \$35,000.00 annually. We have seven Holy Rosary students at Divine Savior for the 2017-2018 school year. Kerry Sievert as the school principal/administrator for Divine Savior School whom we met with and had discussions with at our October meeting has requested a 3% increase. After discussion, a motion was made by Jim Burnett and seconded by Dan Schirmer to provide our existing \$35,000.00 plus a 3% increase. This is done with knowledge that the 3% increase will be requested in the following year also.

The Finance Council then reviewed the issue of roof quotes for the steel roofing. John Klinzing and Jim McNally have received quotes from Altitude Roofing and from Wrightway Built of Fond du Lac. Discussion regarding an advantage of the Wrightway quote was particularly the use of less screws being inserted into the structure and better air flow. The Altitude quote has extras that we would have to pay which are not included in its quote and which we do not know for certain how much they will amount to. After quite a bit of discussion and given the recommendation of John Klinzing that the Wrightway quote was steel shake with stone is better suited for the gymnasium roof, the consensus was that we should go with Wrightway.

However, there was discussion that Gary Schmitz, being a former parishioner now living permanently at Lake Winnebago but being one of the owners of Walsdorf Roofing and having been in the roofing business for many years, perhaps he should be consulted. Motion by Jim Burnett and seconded by Tom Fleming to accept the bid of Wrightway for a price not to exceed \$63,125.00 if new gutters are required. John Klinzing and Jim McNally will deal with Wrightway and if new gutters are not required, it would reduce the cost to \$62,000.00. However, this motion and its approval by the finance committee was conditioned upon (1) Joe Zenk obtaining approval from the Diocese and (2) Tom Fleming will take the Wrightway quote to Gary Schmitz, have discussions with Gary and if Gary sees it as appropriate for the Holy Rosary gymnasium, we would move ahead with Wrightway. In the event Gary did not see it appropriate, we would have further discussion on this motion and the motion would be held in abeyance.

Lastly, Joe Zenk brought to our attention that he has been contacted by a representative of the Green Bay Diocese that the Bishop is considering a capital campaign for the entire Green Bay Diocese. Joe has expressed the fact that all three of our parishes have recently had capital campaigns and would have difficulty participating. Joe has noted our reticence with the Diocese representative.

Closing prayer led by Joe Zenk.

Next Meeting - January 18, 2018 at St. Ann Gathering Hall at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Burnett
Acting Secretary