

**ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA
PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 20, 2020**

Present: Fr. Grant Gerlach, Kerry Peters, Rob Delk, Julie Hill, Diana Bader and Joan Roe (bookkeeper & recording secretary).

The Opening Prayer was led by Fr. Gerlach.

The minutes were reviewed by the council prior to the meeting. Julie made the motion to accept the minutes as written and Kerry seconded the motion. All were in favor.

The financial reports were reviewed by the council. Fr. Gerlach inquired about a liturgy expense. Joan explained it was for vestment hangers. Kerry inquired about income we received. Joan explained it was for Golden West Capital Credits and reimbursement for Clergy/Seminarian Day expenses. Diana made the motion to accept the financial reports and July seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Old Business

1. Vice-Chair of PFC: Discussion was held on this and Kerry reminded the council that she said she would be Vice-Chair at the last meeting, which Joan apparently forgot to record in last meeting's minutes.
2. Successor to Dn. Tom Adams as member of SAP PFC: Diana said that she recommended Vidal Davila for the position, but Julie reminded everyone that he said he was going to take a year off from everything before he would consider a position on the council and it will be a year in January.
3. Wish List of Repairs & Needs
 - a. Digital System for Church: Fr. Gerlach told the council that we applied for a grant through Oregon Catholic Press for this system, but we were denied the grant. We have also applied for a grant through the Western South Dakota Catholic Foundation. We won't know until December whether we will receive grant money from them. In the meantime, a generous parishioner purchased the system for St. Anthony's and Father is working with Josh Schuh to ascertain what costs there may be for installation.

Wish List Item: It was brought up that we have not taken care of the uneven sidewalk/curb on the corner of 6th and University in the front of the church, which is a trip hazard. Julie mentioned that she has seen advertisements on television of businesses who do mud jacking and concrete lifting. Fr. Gerlach asked Joan if she would speak with Greg about the best way to approach this problem. Joan will also look up businesses online and reach out to these businesses for bids to have the work done. (Side note: Joan spoke with Greg after the meeting about two approaches for fixing the problem and Greg said that only concrete lifting would be the solution.)

4. The grant money we received from the Western South Dakota Catholic Foundation for summer meals will be released when/if this program comes to fruition.
5. Parish Annual Budget, in light of the Diocesan Priority Plan: This item will be left on the agenda as a reminder when we get ready each year to plan our fiscal year budget.

New Business

1. Snow Removal Bid from Lynda Sue Long: Joan explained that Lynda charges \$45/hour for snow removal with her 4-wheeler with attached blade and \$35/hour for shoveling with a minimum \$35 charge if less than an hour, which could lead to \$80/hour (or more depending on the number of hand shovelers are used) for snow removal. Earlier in the meeting Joan asked if anyone knew Greg Gunwall as she learned through the Chamber of Commerce that he was licensed by the city to do this type of work. Diana said that he lives up the road from him and would try to see if she could visit with him about this sometime. Joan has called him several times, gets no answer and his voice mail box is full. Julie suggested that we reach out to the churches who are part of the Hot Springs Ministerial Association to see what they do about snow removal. No action was taken to approve the bid proposal by Lynda.
2. Roof Replacement for both the church and rectory: Joan was approached a few weeks ago by Don from LoveOurRoof, a roof installation company. Don did an inspection of the roofs on the two buildings and submitted some pictures showing the damage to the roofs. The question was asked whether our insurance company had been contacted and Joan said they had not. It was suggested that she contact the insurance company today to begin a claim with them and let the PFC members know of her conversation with them. (Side note: Joan contacted Catholic Mutual Group [CMG] about the damage and they asked for a claim date, which she was not able to provide them initially. Fr. Gerlach and Joan then did some research on recent hailstorms and there were three of them on August 11, 2020. Joan then called the company back with that date and the claim was started. Then a gentleman from CMG called to say that someone will be in contact soon with the next step in the process.)
3. Human Life Alliance asking for a donation: Discussion was briefly held on this item. One of the PFC members suggested that we give locally to the Hot Springs Area Right-to-Life (HSARtL) group, keeping the money locally to be spent. Joan reminded the group that we do give the HSARtL group a donation of \$300/year. Fr. Gerlach will reach out to Frank Birkholt and ask him about this. (Side note: Fr. Gerlach reached out to Frank and he would like to look over the information provided to us before making a recommendation.)

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Sat., Jan. 23, 2021, 9a, via ZOOM if necessary.

The Closing Prayer was led by Fr. Gerlach.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan M. Roe

Bookkeeper and Recording Secretary