

Immaculate Conception Wexford Parish Council Meeting Minutes - - - APPROVED

Meeting Date: February 17, 2020

Called to Order: 7:04 PM

Attendees: Dan Conway, Leon Manning, Marcia Kruse, Joe Egan, Ben Wagner, Shane Gavin & Fr. Mosher

Absent Excused: Theresa Heuker, and Mary O'Neill

Opening Prayer: Fr. Moser

Approval of Minutes from previous meeting motion made by Shane and second by Ben, motion carried.

Prior to the beginning of the meeting, Mike Siepker from the Decorah Fish Hatchery addressed the parish council on the Water Quality and Angler Access Easement Program. The Wexford Creek fishing access has been under a Handshake Agreement since 1943. The Handshake Agreement is a verbal agreement with the DNR that Wexford will allow public fishing on their property and the DNR then posts signs on the property to indicate that it is open to public fishing. The DNR also adds the Wexford Creek to their trout streams maps and to their website electronic maps. Plus the DNR may install stiles for anglers to cross fences easily. Wexford retains control of the property and may restrict public angling at any time by informing the DNR. There is no compensation for participating in the Handshake Agreement.

Mr. Siepker explained the Water Quality and Angler Access Easement Program that offers a one-time compensation of \$2500 an acre for the following rights in perpetuity:

- 1.) Public fishing access with signs for parking, public access, permanent easement areas, and rules/restrictions on use of the area.
- 2.) Fish stocking and sampling by DNR.
- 3.) Fish habitat and water quality improvement.

There are required conservation restrictions and defined landowner permitted uses within the granting of the easement.

Mr. Siepker provided maps of the acres considered and a Frequently Asked Question and Answers document to the members of the parish council.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Faith Formation Commission:** Marcia Kruse- no report. Father Moser stated that Harpers Ferry religious education classes had to be canceled several times due to weather and since Waukon girls would be playing in the basketball finals next Wednesday, there could be another missed session.
- **Finance Council & Bookkeeper:** Dan Conway distributed current Financial Report-balance as of 02/16/20 is 17,169.59; various items discussed. Motion made by Leon to approve report and second by Shane, motion carried.
- **Parish Life:** Shane Gavin reported there was a funeral for Aileen Delaney and a wedding for Chris and Angelina Hawes.
- **Social Justice:** Joe Egan- No report, committee to meet on Thursday, 2/20/20.
- **Stewardship:** No report. Discussion about the Stewardship inserts in the bulletin- the latest by (12 year old) Gabriel Mattson.
- **Wexford Foundation:** Marcia Kruse- Foundation is looking for investment opportunities.
- **Rosary Society:** Marcia Kruse- In March the Rosary Society will begin playing Bingo at Thornton Manor and the first breakfast will be in April.
- **Building & Grounds:** Dan Conway
 - A. Craig Adams was sent \$250 mowing bonus.
 - B. Padlock on hall entry door became defective. Dan replaced it.
 - C. The Wexford Church furnace fan would not start. Old fuse was replaced, but the fan then would not stop running. Dan Schulte was called and made the needed repairs.
 - D. Snow removal- snow blower is in the garage.
 - E. No leakage in the bell tower since the application of silicon.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Lifetime gutter installed snow guards on church roof-project complete.
- B. Amish will strip and seal church floor in April 2020. It is estimated to take 3 days at an approximate cost of \$3300.
- C. Hall and garage will be power washed in the spring.
- D. Dan will spray Wet and Forget on tombstones this spring.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. **ACCF Grant application for air conditioner and furnace:** Discussion followed on the replacement of the hall heating and cooling units, ductwork and labor around the received proposals, final decision pending receipt of additional requested quotes.

- B. Church roof:** Church roof power washing and painting estimates were presented by Dan Conway: Steele Painting of Eitzen, MN bid \$3,500 to power wash and paint all roofs and an additional \$1500 to repaint the soffits. Brink's Professional Painting of Waukon, IA bid \$5,986 to power wash and paint all roofs. Both bids require Wexford to supply the paint. Motion made by Joe and seconded by Ben to offer Steele the work; motion carried.
- C. Shelter building update:** No discussion.
- D. Discussion of easement along Wexford Creek:** Pros and cons of easement discussed. Decision tabled.
- E. Sound System:** Dan Conway has attempted many strategies to address the cracking noise in the sound system. It has been suggested that if the wireless microphone may have been dropped at one time, which could result in the unpredictable cracking noise in the sound system. Dan proposed the purchase of a new wireless microphone and addressing the wiring on the microphone at the lectern as next steps. Father requested that the old microphone be retained. Motion made by Marcia and second by Shane; motion carried.
- F. Father reminded everyone that the next HFB Joint meeting would be held at Wexford on March 2, 2020.**

Fr. Moser closed with prayer.

Next meeting: April 6, 2020 @ 7:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted:

Theresa Heuker via notes from Marcia Kruse
Secretary – IC Wexford Parish
February 17, 2020

Immaculate Conception Wexford Parish Council Special Meeting Minutes - - - APPROVED

Meeting Date: 02/22/2020

Called to Order: 6:30 PM (after Saturday evening Mass)

Attendees: Dan Conway, Leon Manning, Marcia Kruse, Joe Egan, Shane Gavin, Fr. Mosher

Absent: Ben Wagner, Theresa Heuker, and Mary O'Neill

Topic: Discussion of ACCF Grant Application bids for furnace and A/C replacement for the hall.

Leon Manning presented the two lowest bids received for the replacement of the furnace and air conditioning: Tri State AC, Refrigeration & Plumbing by Matt Troendle for \$6,685.00 and Schulte Plumbing & Heating by Dan Schulte for \$7,710.90. Discussion proceeded on these bids and additional work that would have to be done in preparation for installation. Motion made by Dan Conway and second by Shane Gavin, for the purposes of the grant application, to accept the bid from Tri State AC, Refrigeration & Plumbing. Motion carried. If grant funds are not received for project further discussion to occur before proceeding.

Respectfully Submitted:

Theresa Heuker via notes from Marcia Kruse
Secretary – IC Wexford Parish
February 22, 2020