

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH
Finance Council Minutes, March 16, 2023

Meeting opened with prayer by Father Martin

Members: Jim Moritz, Dave Sanger, Twila Dettmann, Mary Sass, Father Martin, Bonnie Lange and Tammy Thompson.

Past meeting minutes approved, signed and filed with Connie in the office.

Financial Statements for November, December, January, February and March were reviewed and stand approved. No questions or objections noted.

1) Jim received contact from the new owner of Ashbacher Building regarding the letter sent about the needed deck repairs. The council agreed to have Jim and Dave meet with the Ashbacher owner to remedy the deck at the rectory.

2) Building fund:

- \$20,000+ is in the building fund- D&L Savings account.
 - Currently there is a small debt on the building about \$40,000.
- Options for the money in the savings account:

- Do nothing
- Pay off debt
- Pay portion of the debt
- Put the money into an endowment & leave debt alone
- Use money for projects in the Church that are needed.

3). Endowments: it was clarified that we can ask for a pay out on earnings from endowments.
Current Endowments: Education Endowment and Building endowment

4) Radon estimate & mitigation at the rectory:

- Estimate Cost: \$1,749.00 from Hubka radon mitigation
- Council okayed Father to go ahead and schedule radon mitigation with Hubka as this is needed and necessary to protect the health of Father and others visiting.

5) Baptismal Fountain leaking:

Discussed option for a new bowl on baptismal font.
Will have Ron check into this.

6) Church walk through- this will be scheduled when the weather gets better and will be coordinated with Ron's availability.

7) Paint in the Church, Vestibule and Administration areas- It has been brought to Jim's attention that there are some areas in the vestibule that could use a new coat of paint.

- No painting has been done since the Church was built.
- Discussion on painting needs in the Sanctuary
- Will identify paint needs in the Church walk through
- Will get recommendations for painters- it was noted that someone who specializes in painting Churches should paint the sanctuary.

8) Stations of the Cross from the old St. Patrick's Church- Someone has come forward and asked Jim if we could see about getting our old Stations of the Cross back.

- Discussion was held on where the stations went when the Church was torn down.
 - These were sent to the Diocese of Dubuque and were possibly re-distributed to another parish.
- Discussion was held on how the stations would look hanging on the walls in Church.
 - The current Church has lower ceilings along the sides vs. the old Church had high ceilings.
 - The council questions if the size would fit. There is concern that they would be too big for the space.

9) Rectory walk through from September - Will address the dead tree, shrubs, landscaping and cement on the West side of the rectory.

10) Pump on the fire system- this went bad about a year ago and the replacement pump was not adequate.

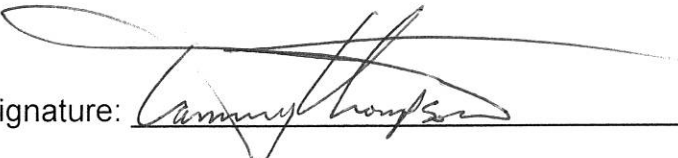
- The replacement pump failed two weeks ago
- Ron was given permission to order a new pump.
- This is a needed item for the fire system to function properly.

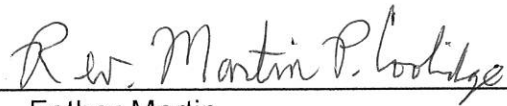
Next meeting is June 16th at 5:00 p.m.

Closing prayer led by Father Martin

Meeting adjourned at 7:00

Respectfully submitted by Tammy Thompson

Signature:  Date: 6/16/2023
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Father Martin