

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

Finance Council Minutes, June 13, 2019 6pm

Meeting opened with prayer by Deacon Joseph

Members present: Jim Moritz, Twila Dettman, Dave Sanger, and Bonnie Lange

Others Present: Father Hernandez and Deacon Joseph

Parishioners Present: Leigh and Gloria Keehner, Others present that were not on the agenda Mary Martinson, Linda Bacon, Deb Johanningmeier, Chris Sass, Marilyn Hemesath, and Deb Shafer

- 1) Leigh and Gloria Keehner had requested permission to speak at the council meeting and 10 minutes were granted. The other parishioners were present on their own. The meeting ran long and Old and New Business was not addressed at this time.
- 2) Gloria Keehner had concerns with the fact that no discussion of the new rectory was brought to the parish attention. No minutes were posted in either the bulletin or web page. Concerns of construction cost, snow/lawn grounds upkeep cost, and what to do with the Old Rectory. No vote was presented to parishioners.
- 3) Leigh Keeher: Not happy with the New Rectory. What to do with Old Rectory—Sell – Rent? He recommends selling the New Rectory and removing Father Hernandez.
- 4) Jim Moritz explained how the **donation** of the Darby house took place. Jim's comments on selling the house; he would visit with Mrs. Darby; upon sale of the house would reimburse St. Patrick for the moneys spent and the remaining would be donated to another charity NOT St. Patrick. Jim apologized to all the parishioners present.
- 5) Father Hernandez explained we are looking for an investment for the future.
- 6) Parishioners mentioned again not having access to meeting minutes posted in the bulletin or web page.
- 7) Dave Sanger asked the parishioners present what we need to do to help this situation? The council values all opinions and feel this was not the majority. The council is concerned with parishioner's thoughts and the bad press on Father Hernandez. We as a council support parishioners and OUR priest. The Darby's wanted the home to be taken care of and have stature, their thinking by donation to our church (parish), they would achieve that goal! We as a council realized we did not do a good job of informing the parishioners, but it is hard to reach everyone when not everyone is at the Masses when announced. Letters were sent out, how many got to read them? We have no control over compliance to our letters. We admit fault and we need to look for the positive in getting our parish back together!
- 8) Father Hernandez is deeply hurt by the comments made. We as a council assured him there is only a few parishioners present that have presented that comment.
- 9) Council went into closed session.
- 10) Council went into open session.
- 11) Council is in agreement that the parishioners are concerned with being informed! Dave mentioned at the end of homilies giving the parish an update on current happening. How do we inform them—1) Post minutes in bulletin, web page, back of the church. 2) Father at the end of Mass monthly gives a brief update.

- 12) Do we get bids to: Fix up the Old Rectory, Finish New Rectory, Build New Rectory. Then send out letters asking parishioners what they as a parish feel is in the best interest for the entire parish?
- 13) At the open house: Do we have a suggestion box? We welcome all comments.
Old and New Business was not addressed due to the length of the discussion.

Next meeting scheduled for June 24, 2019 at 6pm at the New Rectory.

Closing prayer led by Deacon Joseph. Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.

Respectfully submitted by Bonnie Lange.