

## *St. Patrick Parish Council Meeting Minutes-3/2/17*

Present: Father Mescher, Al Upah, Maxine Boles, Maggie Parks & Steph Babinat-Business Manager. Regret was Eric Slagle, Eric Werner & Brad Fisher.

Meeting was called to order at 5:30pm by Al Upah. Father led us in the opening prayer. The minutes from the 9/20/16 meeting were then approved.

### *Decision items included...*

-Review the alcohol policy for rentals. We haven't looked at it since 2008 so read thru it and decided to keep it as is. If there are problems we can re-review.

-Security System-Steph got two bids for a security/entry system for the parish center. This system would be a intercom/camera system with key fobs. Anyone coming to the building will have to push a button and be buzzed in by the office. Key fobs will only be given out to staff and one person from groups that meet here. We will be able to better monitor who is in the building as Steph can look on her computer to see when key fobs are used. Can also restrict times that they key fob may be used. If we have a big event we can turn the system off during that time. For a rental we will charge a \$5 deposit for the key fob. Once it is returned the person will get their \$5 back. Steph also mentioned that keys for the church were given out while the church was being built and right after. We don't know who all has keys. We would like to change the locks on the church doors and not give out any keys for the church (except for office staff). People who need to get into the church can have a key fob and enter the west door of the parish center. The bids received were Radio Communication Systems from Waterloo at \$7579.50 & Communication Innovators from Des Moines at \$9749.84. RC does the systems for the school and for the county buildings. Steph would prefer to use them. After discussion it was decided to go ahead with RC Systems for the security system and Steph will get Tri-State Lock to change the locks in the church once the new system is in. Since this is over \$5000 we will need to send a proxy to the Diocese and as soon as it gets approved we can move forward.

### *Discussion items included...*

-Church Cameras: RC Systems also looked at our Church camera when they were here. They are doing some research on them and will give us some thoughts on what to do.

-Church Ceiling cleaning: Father hasn't called anyone on this yet. He feels as if the dehumidifiers are helping. Putting ceiling fans up was again discussed. Will see as we move forward.

-Our phone system was very old and Steph's wasn't working anymore so we did get a new phone system from Communication Innovators out of Des Moines.

### *Reports of Committees:*

-Cluster Council: meet next week to review the 17/18 budget

-Finance: Steph handed out a financial report. Not much to report as we are doing really well. We are \$9000 ahead of last year for envelope giving. For the security system we will use \$1763 that is in the Capital Improvement fund (a few years ago a parishioner gave money just to go toward improving the building) and then the rest will just come out of checking as our account is very good. We still owe \$158,500 on the debt.

-Liturgy: have a meeting tonight. Will be having a St. Patrick Day celebration on 3/17. Stations at 6pm and soup supper to follow. There was discussion about the stations being bi-lingual. It will be decided at the Liturgy meeting.

-Hispanic Ministry: have Jose Rangel & Luis Castanon doing some stuff to help. Neither want paid. Jose has been leading a Friday night prayer service in Spanish. Mass attendance has been low but Ash Wednesday was a big crowd.

-Social Concerns: Lenten project is to raise money for a bin for shelter for people in Haiti. Denise Fletcher and Deanna McCarroll are leading this project. Steph will give some money to the project from Social Concerns when we are close to the end.

-Faith Formation: have 3 classes left. First Communion will be on Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 3pm. It will be in English.

-K of C: No report

-CCW: have had a few funeral lunches, made 20 quilts, helped serve coffee/cookies for Confirmation, Ecumenical lunch is next Wednesday.

-Pastor's Report: Might have gutter covers put on the Rectory this Spring.

### *New Business or Future Agenda Items*

-New business: No new business

-Next meeting: Father and Steph will set up the next meeting.  
Meeting was adjourned at 7pm.

Respectfully Submitted-Stephanie Babinat, Business Manager