

ST. JOHN'S PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
TUESDAY OCTOBER 22, 2019

Present: Connie Wees, Pauline Pesek, Rachael Urban, Pat Costello, John Leise, Vince Kirby, Don Peters, Brenda Thiessen, Deacon Tom Manhart and Fr. Gnirk.

Excused: Pam McCarville and Peggy Staup.

Present from Long Range Planning: Linda Gergen, Dick Pierson and James Tews.

Excused from Long Range Planning: Roger Bevinton, Bill Lastovica, Jim Muegge, Mary Pat Heck.

The meeting began with a prayer.

The minutes of September 24 were accepted.

Discussion ensued about the proposed property sale. The Fire Department suggested that we share our appraisal or to have another appraisal done by a mutually agreed upon appraiser. It was noted that this would be a contractual agreement and if the parties are not in agreement, then there would be no sale or contract. The Fire Department noted that restrictions reduce the value of the property, but we would not sell without the restrictions. Putting homes on part of the property may not be an issue, but needs further discussion. The question was raised is the Fire Department has had an appraisal done and if so, was it for commercial or residential. The property is not believed to be in the flood plain, but may need to be raised a couple of feet. In conclusion, there were three items: 1) is the Fire Department appraisal commercial or residential; 2) we would be willing to share our appraisal if they will share theirs, perhaps only the price and not all the details; 3) is it in the flood plain.

In discussing the 5 year plan, members should prepare for discussion of "Spiritual Nourishment" and "Social Justice".

For the building project, bids were received October 15. They were higher than expected and not complete. Contractors are busy and are not in need of work at this time, so it was decided that bids would be received the first part of December with a start date of mid-March. This should give contractors the opportunity to start lining up work for next year.

Fr. Gnirk informed the Council that he will be gone for a couple of weeks, traveling to the East Coast.

The meeting adjourned with prayer.

Next meeting is November 26 at 7 PM.