OLOL Parish Council Minutes - Tuesday, May 21, 2019

Members present: Gary, Renae, Kara, Denise, Terry, Tom, Paul, Fr Matthew, Annika, Diane, Vince, Lance & Fr. Ben
Absent: Jon & Chris
Guests: Mike Retka & Thor Lindquist

I. Call to Order - Kara
Prayer - Paul

II. Recommended Actions
Approval of minutes - Paul, second Renae
Approval of Agenda - Diane requested to add an update on the new piano under old business. Renae, second Kara

III. Visits

A. Bell Towers & Brick on North Wall - Thor talked about how a couple of years ago it was discovered that the bell tower was leaking. Herzog has been out numerous times to try and fix it but was unsuccessful. Mike found some people who make timers and inspect the bells. The bell has been pinned so that it doesn't ring any more. They took the bell apart because it wasn't put together correctly. The oldest bell is from 1825. The bells weigh 800-1,000 lbs. To get them in proper working order it would cost approximately $7900.00. The same company takes care of the bell at St. Mary's. As the guy was up there he was seeing daylight through the corners of the bricks. The same guy has done other churches by the same architect. He has not finished his inspection yet because he wanted to make sure the Parish Council approved him bringing in his lifts. It was also discussed if we could maybe get donations to help with this expense? Approval of moving forward and getting an estimate was given by the Council. Kara led the approved and it was seconded by Renae.

IV. Old Business

A. Parish Council Results - Gary, Terry, and Annika are the new members of the Parish Council. Thank you to Diane, Jon, & Chris for your time on the Council.
B. Cemetery Board - Fr. Ben will bring a proposal to the next meeting. People have approached to help out with the proposal and board. Denise expressed interest in helping as well.
C. Roof Project - Save discussion for the fall.
D. Sanctuary Project - Father Ben and Darrol are checking into this one. Are waiting until after the construction is over to really start this project.
E. Sacristy Organization Update - Kara and Terry Witt met for a while and cleaned out some stuff, but there is a lot of stuff left in the sacristy. Kara is hoping to have a table of contents for the items in there. They will continue to work on making the sacristy more welcoming.
F. Separate Upkeep Budget - Still a goal of Fr. Ben's to create for the church so that we can somewhat plan for maintenance issues.
G. Mass Projections - Thor looking into a new camera or a way to wire the projections in the basement.
H. Update Bell System - Is being looked into in conjunction with all of the work that is being looked into for the bell towers.

I. Landscaping/Flooding - Catch Basin - Lance talked to Steve Lemieur and he is getting back to him. Kara said going to put in a "Mexican Hat" so that it will drain. Still continuing to work on

J. Piano - New piano has been installed and is being used. Accompanists are very happy with it and were able to have it before Easter. It is believed that the piano was bought for $4000.

V. New Business

A. Comments from Fr. Ben about the past year and ideas for next - Father Ben spoke about his appreciation of patience and said that it's great to be here. He has enjoyed his first year here as a pastor. We need to be doing more than just maintaining. We need to be going out to people. Would like to see a capital budget. His ideas and goals for the future include: hiring someone like a full-time business manager for the tri parish and possibly the school, someone who will really spearhead the evangelization, etc., and at least one full-time youth minister. How can we make these things happen? Gave us a book called Divine Renovation by Father James Mallon and let's start discussing when we meet again.

B. ACC Members - The ACC members for OLOL are Joe LaForce & Kaitlin Pohland. B. As of July 1, we need to make it a goal to unite with the other three parishes within the next three years and to go from three priests to two.

C. Tree Removal – A tree needs to be removed that already is leaning on a power line and has a bolt and screw in it. It is on the east side of the church. Have Darrol contact Loren Bobick about it. Loren check with Al Czech. Needs to be removed before construction on our end of town starts.

D. Adoration Chapel - A couple came in and volunteered to redecorate the adoration chapel - Fr. Ben is hesitant because people redid it a couple years ago, and don't want to disregard that work that has already been done. Maybe wait a few years to approach this couple to do it in a few years. The couple wants to remain anonymous. Fr. Ben has already told them that this is not the time to redecorate, but that we are so thankful that they were willing to do so.

E. April Road Construction Meeting Information - Lance went to the meeting - Kara discussed putting in the Mexican hat catch basin on the east side of the church - Kara and Lance are working on paperwork to do so. Kara talked to Mike Peterschick about doing it - extend storm sewer into the road, and contacting people to help with the paperwork - look it over - contact Eagle Construction - backhoe and drainage work - Lance waiting on pricing for the drainage work. Pugh - Glenn, Ken or Mark Excavating — Renae calling them tie into the MNDot Storm drains. Will need landscaping done right away when they do the storm drain - west side of the road next to the church and the slope to the east. When project gets off the ground it will be important to announce what is going on at the Masses and maybe include an insert in the bulletin. Announcements should read: Landscapers needed! We are looking to redo the East side lawn to incorporate a catch basin tied in the storm sewer. Please call the office. Excavators needed! Must have experience with MNDot. After much discussion members involved in this project will report back at the next meeting.

F. July Meeting - Yes - Tuesday, July 16th, 2019 @ 5:30 in Parish basement

G. Catwalk in attic - Lance connecting with Peterschick about it to get an estimate to replace it and to make it more substantial.

H. Light panel in the sacristy - Concerns about the panel not being up to code according to Lance - double check with Fr. Joe to see if this was an insurance concern in the past.

VI. Committees

A. Health Council - No update.
B. Buildings, Ground, & Cemeteries - Lots of current projects happening!
C. Liturgy - No update - everything looked great at Easter
D. Discipleship- discussing the book the Parish Council got as well - No plans for mission next year yet, but should start working on it - week day is better than weekends
E. Bazaar - Really moving forward - always need lots of help!

VII. Questions

VII. Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 @ 5:30 PM

VIII. Adjournment