

2-19-2019

St Thomas More Parish Council

Attendance: Fr Bill, Jim Conrady, Vic Ivers, Larry Bush, Tom Buchheit, Dick Berish

Absent: Kathy Hornschemeier, John Duncan

We started with a prayer from Fr. Bill

Minutes were not presented as Kathy was not able to attend.

Fr Bill discussed changes to the bereavement policy. More people are asking for visitation at church and use of the cafeteria after services. As a result, the bereavement volunteers are working extended time. The Pastoral council recommended that we charge extra for visitations and cafeteria use and that the bereavement committee receive an appropriate stipend for extended hours. The extra charge and stipend is to be determined by Fr. Bill.

Fr Bill also discussed the amazing Parish conference. He reported that Fr Tim and he had determined that it was best if Fr Tim attended the conference and represented the region. Fr Tim could then implement whatever ideas he felt were appropriate when he took over the region.

Business Dick Berish

Dick reported the YTD financial results through January 2019. Income is ahead of budget. This is primarily due to school revenue as parish offerings are behind budget.

Dick reported that Winterfest was a success and made approximately \$4,000. The Winterfest committee intends to do this next year.

The Verdin bell speaker system failed and must be replaced. The cost is \$4500.

The interior church brick cleaning process has been completed. Approximately 80% of the bricks were completely cleaned with approximately 20% that still have some stains. It was determined that the amount of money and effort necessary to get the remaining stain off the brick was not cost effective. Everyone agreed that the church interior was much improved.

Dick presented the 2019-20 draft budget approved by the finance committee. The detail budget will be developed on the presented information. The budget will be submitted for approval at the next meeting. It appears that we will need to dip into our reserves next year.

Meeting was adjourned and Fr Bill closed with a prayer.

Approved and submitted by Dick Berish