

STM Parish Council 11-17-2015

Attendance: Fr Bill , Vic Ivers, Larry Bush, Kathy Hornschemeier, Jim Conrady, Tom Buchheit , John Duncan absent , Sam DeBonis,- Dick Berish attended

Fr Bill opens with a prayer.

We approved the minute's motion by Vic Ivers second Larry Bush all yes.

Fr Bill reported about the 75th Anniversary items. Matt Feist will give the homily. The choir is going to have a wonderful program. The dinner has been set for chicken, rice, salad and desert. Vicki has all in hand and looks good for a wonderful turnout. We are not sure as the reservations came in slow.

The choir has been invited to sing in Camp Washington if schedule works.

We are probably going to accept the property donation to the parish We had a discussion as to the indemnity for any problems as this was a business. Fr. has a legal document covering any problems or environmental concerns. We discussed the pros and concerns we had with the acceptance. Father asked for any vote and we said we all concurred with his assessment and with his final decision after discussion with our lawyers.. All agreed and advised acceptance.

The Financial update by Dick Berish was about the Sunday collections and comparisons with past comparisons. We are slightly slower on the 1st Sunday collections but are maintaining an acceptable budget overall. Quarterly the fall was close to projections. We will probably be under \$900,000. By year end.

We had the proposal from finance and school recommendations on next year's tuition cost for the 2016-17 school year. We thought the projections and recommendations for the cost vs retention of students would be a good recommendation. We will try one year and revise as needed yearly with the usual budget restrictions.

A parishioner brought up concern as to the ramp now on the alter with ADA. We are exempt from ADA within the worship space. We did look at trying to put a ramp within the recommendations (27 feet) and it is not feasible. The ramp is not meant to be anything but an aide for some of the members of the community that prefer a railing.

Fr Bill reported on the continuing effort to save funds and help improve the lighting in the church. We have completed the change over of all the lights within the church to LED. We now have the led 150 watt comparable lights that only use 23 watts. This offers more for less cost that also means changes about every 7 years. It saves on electric, labor and cost. He reported that the rectory is

saving over \$150 monthly on the electric and we have not reached the cold season. We will recoup cost of repairs faster than we projected.

Fr reported that we are doing well with the Archdiocese fund drive and hope to complete this before New Year's. He hopes all paperwork will be completed soon ..He will report on our January meeting about the final numbers.

Fr spoke about the pastoral region. He said the Fr Stockelman has requested retirement. As of now Fr Wagoner does not plan retirement. The belief is that they will be able to cover the parish.

Discussion of the broken hand on the St Thomas More Statue, see if able to repair, no follow up.

There will be no December meeting.

Motion by Kathy Hornschemeier 2nd by Vic Ivers to adjourn all yes

Father ended the evening with a prayer.