

STM Parish Council 9-22-2015

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

Fr Bill opens with a prayer.

75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration will be on Christ the King Sunday Nov 22, 2015. We discussed how we would like a Solemn Vespers with a reception/Pot Luck dinner. We will finish how this is to be done in October Meeting.

The rectory repairs have been completed. With the windows and siding completed, we have ½ month of utilities to compare. Last year the electric KW hours were 2300 and this year they were 350. If this holds true the savings in one year will be considerable. The projects for the summer came in under the \$30,000 for: parking lot repairs, drains, ac for the school and repairs to the rectory.

Dick Berish:

July & August revenue has been decent we have been short the Sunday offering 15/16,000 down and this is the same summer shortage as last year. The 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday has been awful and very low. The other Sundays have been close on the budget numbers.

The Ed Choice money for 22/23 students has helped the school budget. This is up from \$ 27,000. To \$85,000 this year. This has also kept the school number stable. The Ohio Ed Choice is integrating each year with a new grade level. This year the choice covers grades K thru 2. Our school population is 231. This is down but not as significantly as we thought.

The damage to all the fields and church grounds due to the weather and towing for the festival was significant. The repairs that were done for the “dip” and drainage behind the shelter were significant. The \$5000.00 was not in this year’s budget. However since the repairs had to be made the extra money was spent to alleviate the drainage problems we have always suffered in the area. The football boosters donated \$1300.00 to help defray the cost and provided help with all the repairs to our property.

All the parish photos are completed and the directory will be going to the publishers very soon.

Father reported that the music program is going well and we will see some changes on Sundays with then Choir and new Children’s Choir.

We have 2 seminarians working with the RICA program this year. We are very lucky to have willing members of our staff welcome them and help with their questions and service. We have 33

seminarians this year and this is the largest group in over several decades. We are keeping them in our prayers and we will ordain several for the Cincinnati Archdiocese this year.

Father reported that the bus trip for the pontiff visit was cancelled late without notice.

This month is the parish council turn for morning food for the RICA. Kathy Hornschemeier volunteered to drop the food off before 10AM.

Father Bill set the small ramp up in the church for the Alter. This is not a handicapped ramp, just a way for some people to get up and down easier from the Alter. Discussion on the choir board was completed and we might need to make sure this does not cause a problem for taller ministers. Father did this with the repair to the floor around the Alter as a convenience for our ministers.

We have started the Archbishops Fund Program. Since we are in the last group to participate many of the parishioners are familiar with the goals and needs that are addressed in the program. This 5 year program has money coming back to the parish and we receive benefits thru the program for our school. Father thought that we would have a report by the time of the next meeting.

We have the largest Scouting Program in the area. Father wanted to point out the time and effort for the group including Dick Bader, Mr. Feist and Mark Duff.

Fr. Bill has requested the change on meeting night to Tuesdays the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of the month. We have no objections and next month we will meet in the library at 7PM October 20<sup>th</sup>.

Motion by Jim Conrady 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vick Ivers, all present voted in favor of the previous minutes

Motion by Kathy Hornschemeier 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vic Ivers to adjourn all yes

Father ended the evening with a prayer.

Fr. Bill concluded the evening with a prayer.