

4-17-2018

St Thomas More Parish Council Minutes

Attendance: Kathy Hornschemeier, Jim Conrady, Larry Bush, Vic Ivers, Tom Buchheit Fr. Wagner, Dick Berish Absent John Duncan,

We started with a prayer by Fr. Bill at 7 PM

Minutes were corrected and approved from previous meeting 1<sup>st</sup> Kathy Hornschemeier, 2<sup>nd</sup> Larry Bush all that had attended voted yes

Fr. Bill:

Fr Bill brought us up to date on the new Child Protection Decree revisions from the new updates. No One who works for the church is exempt from its provisions.

The snowplow is still on the truck it has been used very little and cost is effective.

The choir loves the new piano. It and the new amplifier have made the choir sound better than ever. We have had many complements on the choir.

Dick Berish:

We were given the March Financials and explanations for assumptions for the coming new budget year. We are on target to make this year targets. Many of the items will not change in the New Year budget. With the upgrades we have undertaken have paid off with decreasing costs on basic needs in the parish. We have continuing rewards from the utilities upgrades we have and will be making over these next few years. We forecast making the budget for the year and completing the budget process next month when the finance committee completes their work and recommendations. The Utility bills in past years were \$85,000. This year should be \$65,000 for a savings of \$20,000. even with utility costs rising.

We are doing well with the school targets and signups for next year. We believe we will be about the same as this year. All payments are completed and many of the parents are paying before the year begins.

Major projects for 2018: Verdin bell system	\$ 10,000.
SE Church roof replacement	10,000.
Heider electric	8,750. *

Dishwasher

7,250.\*

Dependent on festival\*

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Totals

\$ 36,000.

We are working on the Heider hall upgrades for future. HVAC will be looking to overhaul as the basics are the same as when built. Electric upgrade will be mandatory. There are 2 options that could be phased into the process. Repairs are becoming more expensive due to scarcity of parts for the 50+ year old system. Saving could be made and efficiency could go to 90% from about 60%. Savings could recoup most of the cost over a 5 year period. Repairs over the last 10 years have been \$20,000. And they are rising to \$5,000 to \$10,000. Per year. We will continue to research for this year and see what will be the best system to implement. We are now paying \$8,000 to \$10,000 in annual utility cost on this building.

If we do the dishwasher, Vicki can contribute from the cafeteria fund. Vicky has done a wonderful job controlling expense and serving good food that the children really like to eat.

Motion to accept the tentative budget assumptions and proceed to complete summer projects, 1<sup>st</sup> Vic Ivers 2<sup>nd</sup> Tom Buchheit. All yes

The Rose Marie Ogle Trust has not come out of probate yet. We await the court completion.

New Business:

We will be meeting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of May for the budget. Please make sure you can attend. This is May 15<sup>th</sup> and we will be voting on the completed budget and recommendations from Finance.

Vote for adjournment: 1<sup>st</sup> Larry Bush 2<sup>nd</sup> Jim Conrady, all yes

Fr concluded the meeting at 7:40 PM with a prayer. Submitted by Kathy Hornschemeier