

Holy Apostles Parish
Parish Council Minutes
August 24, 2023

The meeting was held at the Ruth Rectory and the meeting opened with a prayer. Those in attendance were: Kevin Dallas, Ken Emming, Gabe Holdwick, Dee Kramer, Adam Maurer, Fr. Bob, and Verna Booms. Members excused were Tom Halifax and Patt Maurer. Guest, Kathi Jahn, Finance Chair.

Committee Reports

- I. Cemetery Committee – No Representative. Ken Emming asked about the progress concerning winter burials. The need for a Cemetery Committee meeting was acknowledged and one will get scheduled in the near future.
- II. Christian Mothers and Women – No Representative. The group is looking forward to the raffle at the Parish Picnic on Sunday, August 27th.
- III. Finance Committee – Kathi Jahn was in attendance. The desire for an annual financial report was expressed. Fr. Bob agreed we will have a report in the near future.
- IV. Faith Formation – Kim Stein submitted the following statement: Preparations for the 2023-2024 Faith Formation year are underway. St Isidore and Holy Apostles Faith Formation Programs have merged and sessions will be held at the St. Patrick's Palms Parish Center. Sessions will be held twice a month on Saturday from 9-12 noon. Sessions are available for children Preschool -6th Grade. We have approximately 60 students in the program this year.
The Diocese of Saginaw has asked our Faith Formation merged program to pilot the new Confirmation curriculum – *Purpose* from Life Teen. Training- for this program will take place on August 28th. The new merged program will also pilot the Safe Environment Curriculum, *Circle of Grace*. I attended the first training for this program on August 17 at the Center for Ministry.
- V. Picnic Committee – No Representative but plans are in place for the 10:30 Mass at Ruth, followed by the Picnic to be held at the K of C Hall at 12 noon on August 27, 2023.

Old Business

- I. Rectory Breezeway – No corrective action has begun. No Contractor available. It basically needs a new roof as the old one is collapsing.
- II. Sound system in Church – The sound system is much improved. The volume at the lectern could be turned up more. The headpiece is working well. The LED lighting is also a good improvement.
- III. Status of Ruth School – Rick Booms is coming to assess the scope of the repairs that need to be made. The south east and south west corners of the building are deteriorating quickly. We have been advised to wear respirators if entering those parts of the building, as well as the 3rd floor. Scott Geiling from the Diocese and Greg Bator from Kibbe refused to enter the 3rd floor as well as the front (old) part of the school due to mold contamination This led into discussion on what the major concerns are in the building:
 - The need for tuck pointing of the brick as there is much water ingress causing damage.
 - The condition of the heating system piping and the radiators as they are from the 1950 era.
 - Water ingress at various window lintels.
 - The roof on the 3rd floor needs repair to stop water from getting in.
 - When will we be required to be ADA compliant with accessibility, electrical and plumbing?Cliff Messing was out to look over the project. He requested and was given the asbestos report. No proposal has been received as of this date.

New Business

- I. Church repairs – Butcher and Butcher Company has been out to inspect the slate roof. They used a drone to do the inspection and told us the chimney is in dire need of attention. As we no longer use the chimney, it should be removed and that area secured. Village Chimney & Hearth was contacted to do the job. They hopefully will be able to work us in before winter sets in. That is the area where there is water ingress into the east sacristy. The flashing needs to be caulked as well to stop the leaks and an entryway for bats. The chimney has deteriorated most likely from the use of fuel oil in the past, that creates muriatic acid which eats away at the stone and mortar.
- II. Plumbing issues in all three buildings – There is a leak the well water pump that feeds the boiler make up water in the Parish Center. This needs to be fixed before the heating season. The boiler piping in church has water leaking where one of the banks of registers is fed in the basement. The rectory has several items that need attention including the piping to the sink in the half bath downstairs; the upstairs toilet needs better water pressure and the downspout off the sunroom is not draining properly. It gushes out of the cast iron that leads to the drain. Burkhard's have been called, but no response at this time.
- III. CMA Assessment – The assessment for the 2023 CMA Campaign has been received. The total is \$26,836. which is an increase of \$1,952. Verna attended the kick-off meeting for CMA at Caro on August 23rd. The campaign is set to begin the last weekend of September.
- IV. Liturgical issues – With the Eucharistic Revival endeavor nationwide, Fr. Bob is considering options for Eucharistic Adoration, possibly after Mass one day a week.

Next Meeting 9/28/2023 @7pm

Respectfully submitted,
Verna Booms
Parish Secretary