

Parish Council Meeting Minutes October 23, 2016

Members present: Fr. Mark Stec, Clint Bergbower, Missy Buerster, Sherry Geier, Henry Kessler, Michael Kistner, Gail Niebrugge, Melissa Weidner, and Carl Will. Finance Council members Floyd Carter and Kelly Geier were also present.

Michael Kistner, Carl Will, and Sherry Geier attended a meeting with the the St. Joseph's Olney and St. Joseph's Stringtown Parish Partnership representatives at Belleville with Bishop Edward Braxton. Attached is a review of information shared with Parish Council members. This information will be shared with all Parishioners and an open meeting will be held after each Mass the weekend of November 12-13, 2016.

The annual financial report was reviewed by all present.

Church Fund: \$23,012 Investments: \$15,643

Cemetery Fund: \$56,552 Investments: \$15,549

Building/Improvement: \$62,910 Investments: \$129,512

CYM: \$1,296

Parish Ladies Organization: \$1,341

Family Life: \$4,182

The decision was made to research long-term investment of a portion of the Cemetery Fund balance. Also, the question was raised about the money raised from the Cake and Craft Drawings held periodically. Funds raised are used at the discretion of the Priest and used for projects within the Parish.

Building and Grounds: There has been a marked increase in the amount of water used for the past two months. EJ Water Company has been contacted. The meter will be closely monitored until this situation is resolved. Locks have been placed on outside hydrants. Keys will be kept in the Rectory Office.

No action has been taken concerning the water/plaster damage in the Church due to harvest schedules. No update regarding the Illinois Restoration repairs to the trim by the doors.

Cemetery: Carl Will will contact individuals for help for a Cemetery work day in November. Stones will be cleaned, vines will be removed and sprayed, and other necessary jobs will be taken care of at that time.

Education: High School PSR classes have ended and grade school PSR has begun. The NCCYM Convention to be held in California November 2016 and attended by CYM leaders from all three parishes.

The Holy Cross CYM hosted a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, October 30, 2016.

Family Life: The Family Life Committee provided Halloween activities connected to the Pancake Breakfast on October 30, 2016. In addition, Coffee and Doughnuts will be served on November 13, 2016 in the Parish Hall.

Other: Due to the changes that are occurring for Holy Cross Wendelin, groups who currently serve the Church in a variety of ways will be contacted to attend an informational meeting in the near future. Individuals within these groups (i.e. Sunday Collections, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Music, Ushers, Servers) will be asked to perform small, additional tasks to help keep our Parish running smoothly before, during, and after Mass.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, November 7, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at Holy Cross, Wendelin.