

**St. James Parish
Regular Parish Council Meeting
August 5, 2015**

Attendees:

Parish Council: Fr. Bob Sprott, Eileen Quigley (Chair), Dave Bowman, Erin Makowski, Virginia Picken, Dave Samber, Werner Seyfried, Jim Sherman

Guests: None

Absent: Fran Williams (Vice Chair), Sara West (Secretary), Eva Leonard

Eileen called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Fr. Bob led the prayer.

Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of the July 1, 2015 meeting were approved.

St. James Day

161 people were present on St. James Day, not many more than the usual combined numbers for normal Sunday mass. Some former parishioners did return for the celebration. The day went well and everyone had good time. The raffle raised \$200.00.

Hall Construction

Dave Bowman attended a meeting with Steve Gross, the architect and the contractor. Nothing has moved on the construction for three months. The main hold up is the fire alarm system. The city wants St. James to do something different for the alarms. The cost to get the fire alarm system up to code for the city will be an additional \$11,431. The contract for renovation will have to be changed and then updated for the city.

Dry wall and tile will be done on the addition soon. The lighting in the basement was discussed at the meeting. The lighting in the basement will have a total cost overrun at the moment of \$56,500. Current cost of the entire renovation is \$470,000.

Purchase of Land on Michigan Street

Dave Samber attempted to contact Tom Kennedy, through e-mail and phone, and received no response about the land purchase for the church. Fr. Bob wants to make an inquiry to the Archbishop if Tom Kennedy does not respond by the next meeting.

Finances

Fr. Bob is waiting for Renee to finish the end of the year report for the fiscal year. Fr. Bob would like the Finance Committee (Dave S., Werner, and Eileen) to spend a couple of months comparing last year to this year. The Finance Committee will report what they find next meeting.

Oktoberfest

The Hospitality Committee is meeting Sunday, August 9. The one big change for the event is setting a price of \$5.00. The plan for next year is to make the festival bigger so it will attract more people from the neighborhood. Jim and Werner will provide a report next month after the Hospitality Committee meets.

New Business

The House of Decrement is on hold for a year. Church staff talked about reopening the parish house again for housing for the students. The parish website is being worked on and will be up soon. Fr. Bob also gave a list to the Parish Council of former parishioners.

Jim Sherman requested job descriptions and an organization chart for St. James staff.

Adjournment

The next regular meeting of the Steering Committee will be at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 2 in the Rectory.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Erin Makowski.