

**St. James Parish
Regular Parish Council Meeting
February 8, 2016**

(date of meeting changed due to untimely death of Parish Council member Jim Sherman)

Attendees:

Parish Council: Fr. Bob Sprott, Eileen Quigley (Chair), Dave Bowman, Eva Leonard, Fran Williams, Werner Seyfried, Deacon Coleman

Guests: None

Absent: Sara West, Bill Kusek, Dave Samber, Virginia Picken

Eileen called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Fr. Bob led opening prayer with a special intention to pray for the repose of the soul of Jim Sherman.

Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of the January 5, 2016 regular meeting will be approved at the March Parish Council meeting.

Church Salvage

Dave Bowman discussed the disposal of materials from the Church that have been stored in the Hall and rectory. A local salvage company removed 4 truckloads, leaving only some wood material that we may use to frame plaques in the future.

Chalices were also located during the salvage and Fr. Bob felt they should be looked at to determine if they can be restored and used since the ones being used in the Hall are not very good. Eva stated chalices were brought back to St. James from a trip and wondered if these were the same as the chalices have not been seen in several years.

A chair lift was donated to St. James but will be re-donated or returned. It is not an item that can be used in the Hall.

Local Advertising Information

Fran Williams discussed the local advertising options. The papers need guidance from us so they can determine our space needs, and some will actually donate the ad space. DNA will come to St. James and work with us so Fr. Bob suggested choosing a point person to handle. Eileen will contact Barb Sutton to see if she is interested since she has a background in newspapers.

Presentation Hall plaques

Eileen had quotes from a couple monument offices for dedication plaques for Sr. Barbara and Presentation Hall. The costs are approximately \$1000 for aluminum. Aluminum was recommended for indoor use. The discussion around an outside plaque for St. James was also discussed. Since the Hall is not actually a Church, Fr. Bob suggested we wait until the new pastor arrives to discuss any options for identifying the outside.

New Pastor and Order serving St. James

Fr. Bob discussed the arrival of the Trinitarians to St. James on March 1 and that preparation has begun. They were seeking a community near a university and Bishop Perry directed them to St. James. We are now provided a pastor that will take us off the radar of the AOC and give us time to plan our future.

Dave Bowman discussed the upgrades to the rectory that are being done through an \$84,000 grant provided by the AOC. This will handle some much needed repairs including tuck pointing, heaters, hot water systems and roofing. The Council acknowledged this was a generous gift from the AOC and how thankful and excited we are to begin the next chapter of St. James.

Old Business

There has been no blessing of the Parish Council to date. Fr. Bob stated this will happen when the new pastor is installed.

Eva questioned which committees have representation at the 11:30 Mass. She mentioned she registered 3 people on one Sunday and one last Sunday. Eva also recalled that there was always an announcement welcoming new people and directing them to a parishioner that would help register them. She said there has not been an announcement in several months at 11:30 and the rest of the Council stated there is no announcement at 9:30 either. Fr. Bob stated we should bring back this practice for both Masses.

Fr. Bob had a frank discussion about the 11:30 Mass and that it is a problem. There is a small number of attendees and that ½ show up late to Mass.

Fr. Bob also discussed the need for training for lectors and communion ministers and the discussions are happening with the staff.

New Business

No other new business was discussed.

Adjournment

The next regular meeting of the Parish Council will be at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 2 in the Rectory.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Eileen Quigley