

Precious Blood Parish Council

April 6, 2021

Present: Kyle Huelsman, Sue Roeckner, Nicole Homan, Angie Homan, Kelly Brookhart, Mark Tangeman, Greg Homan, Mark Ronnebaum

Parish Council Meeting was called to order by President Kyle Huelsman, who led the prayer.

Minutes from the January 5th meeting were read by Kelly Brookhart. (Kyle Huelsman approved the minutes, and they were seconded by Mark Tangeman)

Committee Reports:

- **Ladies Sodality:** Not present.
- **Men's Sodality:** Not present
- **CCD:** Not present
- **Maintenance:** Not present

Old Business:

- Wanted to discuss at the Five Parish Council Meeting on September 29th the thought of not using Rectory House. Is it worth the cost to keep it running with plumbing and heating if we cannot use it due to class sizes for religion? This was brought up at the meeting, but nobody really said much. Discussed how it is something to continue talking over, and maybe hold an open meeting in the future once word is out more.
 - If we removed building we could add more parking
 - Do we rent it out? Archdiocese is not okay with renting out the building.
 - Continue to put money into building for water/sewage/electric/insurance
 - Obtain annual costs of keeping building
 - Sue presented annual costs of building at approximately \$2,500.00 per year excluding the fuel oil
 - Greg Homan recommended turning off electric/water
 - Committee then discussed sending out a mailer/survey to parishioners for input.
 - Council decided to send out mailer/survey now to get feedback from parish
 - Cost is 17-18 cents cheaper if we send this out before mid-May - approximately 235 envelopes are needed.
 - Nicole drafted a letter to go with the survey
 - Recommendation to add return date
 - Also add information regarding the Beacons of Light

- Survey's can be turned in at the parish office & at the back of church
 - Archdiocese would be okay with tearing down the rectory
 - If the cost is more than \$2,500.00 then we need to get certificates, etc. from Archdiocese
 - If less than \$2,500.00 then we would just need a certificate of liability
 - Fr. Matt is okay with the removal of the rectory as well
 - Decision is to wait to see what happens with the Parish Families in June before making any final decisions.
- Sue questioned if we can build more shelves along the west and south walls in the teachers' storage closet in the basement so we can organize more supplies better. Does anyone know if we would place an air purifier in this closet would it help musty smell? We have tried the smelly containers, running a fan (helped some but not sure enough to let the fan plugged in).
 - We are looking into venting the door to the teachers' closet or purchasing a new door if necessary. Kyle will call Moeller Door and check into it. Kyle obtained the quote of \$268.00 for door and labor from Moeller Door's, and this was approved by the committee.
 - The door is still not in, Kyle will follow up with Pat.
 - We will continue using incandescent bags to draw moisture out of the air in the closet. They seem to be working a bit. With this, Joe will call Adam Kremer and put this on the maintenance list. He will continually check the bags and replace as needed. Joe bought more incandescent bags until we get the door installed.
 - Adam is not interested in adding the shelves, does anyone know of someone who might do this for us? We will hold off until the fall now that religion is about done for the year.
- Sue brought up that they are looking at putting AEDs and First Aid Kits in each church. It was recommended that we get the same AEDs as Chickasaw Fire/Squad so no matter what someone knows how to use.
 - Cost Range - \$1,500.00-\$2,000 each
 - Grant options
 - Kathy Hemmelgarn is checking with Midwest Electric
 - Zahn Fund - contact Marie McClurg or LouAnn Kremer
 - It was suggested to put an announce in the bulletin for donation requests.
 - Annual maintenance would include the replacement of the pads
 - Batteries would need replaced approximately every two years.
 - Should we get the ones that plug into the walls?
 - A very large donation came in to pay for all of the AEDs.

- This is completed, along with training the was provided by Kyle Huelsman and Brian Mescher
- A recommendation was made that there be railings added behind the altar/by priest chairs to help the priests that need assistance with the steps.
 - Fr. Matt said that this is not necessary.
- A few calls received in regards to moving morning mass back to 7:30am from 7:15am.
 - Kyle is looking into it
 - Messages need to be sent to the priests to shorten Homilies. This is why it was moved to 7:15 in the first place.
 - This also brought up the question of when masses would return to normal, and Sue stated that this is the priests decision.
 - This will be staying at 7:15am per Fr. Matt.

New Business:

- Wynk Construction fixed the fencing around the propane tank that was damaged during the heavy winds a few weeks back.
- In addition to the discussion surrounding the purchase of a \$10,000 AOC CD the committee discussed using some excess funds to give the south parking lot a face lift. Kyle was going to talk with Kevin Droesch to see who the town uses for resurfacing streets.
- During the cleaning of the church this year it was noticed that there was a lot of the VFWs equipment in the garage. Kyle was going to talk with Packer to see who would be in charge of the equip, and whether it was possible to get it removed.

Motion to End: Nicole Homan

Second the Motion : Greg Homan

Kyle Huelsman led Final Prayer

Next Meeting will be August 30th at 8:00p.m.