

Local Parish Council Meeting Minutes
(Holy Family – December 1, 2022)

Attendees: Doug Wilson, Fr. Phil Mulligan, Mark Maloney, Peter Mulroy, Danny Tupas, Jean Ryan, Jennifer Saldanha, Mary Kouyoumdjian

Absent: Bill Pickett, Cy Sutherland

Opening Prayer: The meeting opened with a prayer by Mark

Previous Minutes: Minutes of the previous minutes were accepted. Moved by Fr. Phil, seconded by Jean

Business arising from minutes

Secretary: This duty will rotate among committee members. Mark will set up a schedule. For tonight, Mary.

Status of defibrillator: Defibrillator has been ordered. Maureen Dennis LeBlanc will do the training.

Maintenance items:

- Protecting 3 plumbing vents on roof: Anne Marcoux's husband, Mark, will be doing this. Cost will be about \$150.00 each.
- Completing piping from catch basin to property line: This has been completed. No invoice has been received yet, but contractor had agreed to \$10,000 so invoice should be in that vicinity.

Covid update: No change from diocese. Masks are recommended but not required. Moved by Mark, seconded by Danny that this item be removed from the agenda.

Elections: One candidate agreed to join the committee. Welcome, Jennifer Saldanha.

Status of Ukrainian Mass: Schedules are proceeding as agreed. It was stressed that the needs of Holy Family take priority. It was noted that no rent money has been received yet. Fr. Phil has been talking to the Ukrainian Bishop. He will follow up to get this straightened out.

Fund raisers:

- Christmas yard sale: Held Nov. 5th and was successful in raising in excess of \$829.00
- Angels and trees: Well-received and raised in excess of \$850.00
- On-line auction: will be held in the new year

First aid kits: Peter will have his son, who works in first aid, review the options and advise on the best decision for purchase. We should have two kits, one for the kitchen and one for the church. Cost: approx. \$50.00 each.

Hall mailbox: It seems that the key for the smaller box gets stuck. Doug will try to fix it. If that doesn't work, he will drill a hole in the bigger one and put a padlock on it. Elaine can check it whenever she is here.

Grants: Doug is looking the possibility of acquiring mini-splits for the hall and the church. Two units of 41,000 BTUs would be needed. Cost would be approx. \$4400 each plus required work. A grant may be available for the one in the hall since the hall is also used by the seniors' group. Jennifer will also look into getting a quote from another vendor. Jean also noted that grants may be available to repair the driveway on the hall side. She will contact Carolyn Garland, President of Young at Heart Seniors Club, who may be able to come to the January meeting to talk about grants that may be available to help with hall improvements that will make the hall more accessible for seniors.

Mary Helena – flowers: On Dec. 8, volunteers will deliver poinsettias to parishioners who are sick, shut-in, or who have lost family members this year. Cost: approx. \$140.00

New Business

Financial Report: Submitted by Anne Marcoux. Income has shown some improvement. However, expenses are higher than last year. Our deficit sits at \$21,211 for YTD vs a projected deficit of \$14,992, with repair expenses accounting for the difference between actual and projected deficit. It was noted that although major costs have incurred in replacing the sidewalk to the church and repairing the driveway, these are costs that should not recur.

Pastor's comments: Mass times for Christmas need to be settled. Our choices for Holy Family Mass time on Christmas Eve are 4:00, 5:00 or 9:00 pm. People's Park will have a Mass at 2:00 pm. It was agreed that we would have Mass at 4:00 with the Archbishop Vienneau and Deacon Carlos. Motion by Peter, seconded by Danny.

Fundraiser raffle on nativity set from Nov. 26 – Dec. 10: Tickets went on sale on Nov. 26 and \$102.00 was raised on that first day. Tickets will be available on Dec. 3rd and 10th, with the draw after Mass on the 10th.

Brian O'Donnell stepping down: Brian will be stepping down from LPC. He is facing knee surgery and has time conflicts with KofC as well as new family commitments as a Grandpa. We are grateful for the time and effort he has given to the parish council and wish him well.

Exterior lighting: The lights on the Falkland side of the church have been flickering. Doug got one LED bulb to replace that one and then 10 more to replace all the exterior

lights. Elaine's husband, Wayne, will install them. There will be some cost involved since some electrical work has to be done to facilitate the installation. On the topic of lighting in general, it was noted that, with the exception of the choir area, all the lights in the church have been replaced with LED bulbs. Jennifer offered to look into whether government programs might be available to replace the choir area lights at no cost.

Kneelers: Two have been repaired within the last month.

Musty smell: A strong musty smell is very noticeable in both the church and the hall. Various options for what to do were discussed. Maybe put a timer on the heat exchanger to have it going through the day. Maybe do a deep clean of the carpet, although this would not be done until spring. Maybe check the kitchen to see if there is any problem there. Fr. Phil says that Service Master will be checking on mold problems at IHM hall. Maybe we can get them to check HF as well. A combination of these will be done as time goes on. It was noted that this must be looked into before it becomes a health issue.

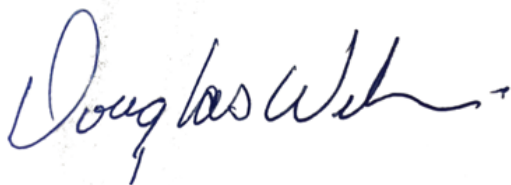
Volunteers: It was decided that a notice should be put in the bulletin asking for a list of people who can volunteer to be called on if need be.

Temperature settings: It was decided that the temperature in the church and hall should be kept at 15 when they are not in use.

Next meeting: Thursday, January 26 at 6:30 pm.

Closing: Motion to close, Jean, seconded by Mark. Prayer led by Father Phil.

Minutes submitted by Mary Kouyoumdjian

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