

Parish of the Precious Blood – Building & Grounds Council Minutes

May 20th, 2014 Holy Rosary Parish Center Caribou

The meeting of the Buildings & Grounds Council was called to order at 6:30 pm by Rodney Bourgoin.

The following were in attendance:

- St. Catherine – Rodney Bourgoine (Chair)
- Fr. Jean Paul Labrie, Pastor
- Herm Turcotte, Facilities Manager
- Michael Lagasse, Business Coordinator
- St. Marks – Jim Laveway
- Sacred Heart – Dale Plourde
- St. Louis – Bob Schrum
- St. Denis – Dave Ricker
- St. Theresa – Mike Sandstrom
- Our Lady of the Lake – Ronnie Fournier

Fr. Labrie offered the opening prayer.

Minutes from the last meeting were reviewed. A change was requested by Ronnie Fournier that it be noted on March minutes that he was not a visitor but the representative for Our Lady of the Lake, Portage. Motion to accept minutes as corrected written was made by Jim Laveway and seconded by Ronnie Fournier. Motion passed.

FINANCIAL UPDATES:

Year to date numbers as of the close of May 19th show the parish in a hole. Spending exceeds income by (61,871.63). All sites are showing a loss except Ashland and Portage. Income as a whole is down from prior year while expenses are up. We are behind by 9 K on the fuel collections and by 2 K on the building fund collections. Overall we will need to concern ourselves with looking at only the real needed repairs for the coming year and place our wants on the back burner to what we really need. Monies are tight. Expected increase in expenses next year that we know of and have no control over at this point total close to 36 K on the payroll and maintenance side of things. Finance council will be presented a budget on May 27th that will have in it a reduction in church cleaning staff and the recommendation for a potential freeze in capital spending for one year. No projects will be planned we will only address issues as they come up. Safety and equipment shutdowns will have the priority over all else.

POTENTIAL 2015 FISCAL PROJECTS:

The following projects have been approved by the finance council to be completed in 2015 as they were started last summer and need completion.

St Josephs --- Outside entrances deteriorating and need upgrades for safety reasons

St Denis ----- Repainting bricks on bell tower

St Louis ----- Install hot water heater to shut down boiler for summer

2013 – 2014 HEATING SEASON NUMBERS:

During this heating season we budgeted \$95,358.10 for heat with expected savings over prior year due to propane installations. The winter threw us a curve ball. We saw 842 more degree heating days then last year 13% increase over prior and propane prices shot up to a high of \$2.479 over a budget of \$1.659 due to shortages. So overall the heating season cost us \$111,577.62 exceeding our budget by \$16,219.52. The good news is that we would have spent \$11,384.35 more if we had only used heating oil. We also spent \$7,900.00 in furnace repairs during the heating season.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

There was some discussion by Dave Ricker and Herm Turcotte as to visiting the site and helping determine which would take priority for potential repairs the pointing of the Tower bricks or the roof valleys that occasionally leak.

The chair lift for Lady of the Lake was revisited and it was determined that even though a good project with good intentions that unless we could afford making bathrooms and upstairs handicap accessible that adding a chair lift to access the cellar would not most likely be the best upgrade for now.

It was decided that if the capital spending freeze is approved by finance that we should consider changing the Buildings and Grounds meeting cycle to quarterly as less business will potentially be discussed.

There was no further business to discuss.

Next meeting will be at Holy Rosary Parish Center, August 19th, at 6:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned, 8:14 pm Closing Prayer Hail Mary and Glory Be said by group.

Minutes submitted by Michael Lagasse