

MINUTES
ST. CHARLES BORROMEO PARISH
BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING
March 3, 2022

We met in Conference Room 2 from 12:30-2.

I. Tim R. called the meeting to order at 12:31.

Fr. Jim said an opening prayer.

Marilyn took roll.

Present: Fr. Jim, Tim Reno, Roberta Peacock, Stewart Smith, Mark Harrington, Chris Lefor, Sherry Wyse, Tim Human, and Marilyn Rewa

Absent:: Drew Havens

Non Members-no one

Tim R introduced Tim H. Tim H. is our new maintenance man.

Tim H. said he is happy to be here and plans to stay a long time.

Tim gave a summary of what the committee has accomplished with the money raised from the capital campaign of 2018 and a lot of work done with volunteer members of the parish and the contractors hired. The projects Tim listed with the help of the committee were: the sidewalks, roofs, put in some handicapped ramps, church roofs, flat roofs, downstairs bathrooms, the gym, kitchen, hallway bathroom converted into a family bathroom, and hallway in the Activities Building, and the outside of the rectory. The bell tower project is our last project. Tim R. pointed out that the bricks on the stairway coming down the steps were falling off due to the top caps not being properly sealed. He stated our focus of today's meeting was to discern whether to remove the wall and the bell tower or rebrick it.

Marilyn stated that in order for the secretary to have complete minutes we will be recording the meeting. Marilyn said that one of our goals for tonight is to have efficient and effective communication so we are asking everyone to please let the person talking finish what they are saying before talking.

II. Consent Agenda:

A. Approval of the meeting minutes.

Roberta made a motion to accept the minutes as written from the Feb. 7 meeting.

Mark seconded the motion . Motion: passed.

B. Capital Campaign Funds Report by Sherry Wyse. Sherry reported no money was turned since the January meeting

III. Old business

A. Bell tower/Brick Wall

Tim R said he has talked to parishioners and we don't know the origin of the bell. There is some writing on the bell. Tim R will check on what it says to see if the manufacturer's name is on it. Tim said we should present our idea to the whole parish.

Reasons for removing the bell tower and the brick wall:

We have already spent between 8 and 10 thousand in repairs on the bell tower. We will need more money to fix the wall and bell tower later if we just repair it.

Stewart said the estimate from Diamond Concrete Sawing to saw the concrete just the wall at \$17 a foot is \$2,416. We would be responsible for the removal of the cement pieces which will require a crane.

Tim pointed out that one bid was for over \$200,000 to replace the brick. Another bid was for a partial repair of the north side of the wall leaving the southside as it is for over \$30,000.

Tim then talked about the option of removing the brick and then installing a fence similar to the fence in the parking lot down the stairs, He referred to the rendering that Jim Peacock had done to show what this would look like. That price was \$6.125. Marilyn pointed out that Pitcher Perfect Excavating bid on the removal of the cement pieces.

Roberta pointed out that we get a proposal together to let parishioners know the cost of the project if we remove the wall and the bell tower. We should get new bids now so we can do the project this spring or summer. It was agreed that we should be able to complete the project for a lot less than replacing the brick. She stated that we have \$30,700 in the Capital Campaign Budget to spend on this project plus some other non committed funds. Stewart said that the bell tower is only for aesthetics.

We next discussed where the dumpster could be placed.

First options: Remove the shed and dig into the hill where the shed currently is located and put the dumpster in its place and put a decorative door in front of the dumpster. Problem with that option. We

could still look into the dumpster from the stairs. We could put a top on the dumpster enclosure but it would have to be 70 feet tall in order for anyone disposing of garbage to be able to lift the lid of the dumpster. So it still would not be aesthetically pleasing. If there wasn't a lid on the enclosure it would still stand out.

Second option: Put the dumpster on the vacant lot.

Problem with that option. Sherry pointed out that there is a city ordinance that you can't build a garage on an empty lot. So putting the dumpster there wouldn't work either

Third option: Put the shed and the dumpster on the vacant lot.

Problem with that option. There is a city ordinance that you have to have a house there too. So that doesn't work either.

Fourth Option: Putting the dumpster on the Oak Street side of the parking lot.

Fifth Option: Moving the dumpster 3 or 4 parking spaces to the south of where it is located now.

Sixth Option: Put another driveway into the south side of the parking lot off Lafayette. Then the garbage truck driver could get in and out easily.

Problem: We need to get state approval

We have to decide where the shed is going to be located before we can move the dumpster.

Options of where we could put a new shed:

Bury the shed into the hillside where the shed currently is located.

Put a new shed in the upper parking lot where the cement slab is next to the garage. Problems: If we put the shed there it still has to look nice. It wouldn't fit. It would be a problem for recess.

Put a new shed on the back of the rectory property. Fr. Jim said this would work for him and Tim H. said it would work for him too.

After the committee went out into the parking lot to see the possible areas, Tim asked how many members wanted to bury the shed into the hillside and the dumpster in front of it. Tim and Sherry were for this option.

Mark made a motion to move the dumpster to the south end of the lot onto a concrete pad in the middle of the lower parking lot contingent upon the agreement between the customer and the hauler right smack in the middle back right up to the sidewalk right up to the curb. And then we build a nice enclosure all the way around it. Stewart seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Mark made a motion to move the dumpster to the south end of the lot onto a concrete pad in the middle of the lower parking lot on the Oak Street side contingent upon the agreement between the customer and the hauler right smack in the middle back right up to the sidewalk right up to the curb. And then we build a nice enclosure all the way around it.. Stewart seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Mark made a motion to build a new shed on the rectory property backyard at least as large as the present shed is after checking with the city on shed construction ordinances. Roberta seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Sherry said this means we won't sell the rectory anytime in the near future. _____ said yes.

Tim R. suggested we put the bell in the garden.

Stewart will contact Diamond Concrete Sawing and Pitcher Perfect Excavating to get new bids for the work.

Mark will contact Cedar Springs Fencing for an updated bid.

Mark, Stewart and Tim R. will work together to estimate the cost of the shed and dumpster enclosure. They will try to have some numbers at the April meeting.

Tim asked if we could have time at the end of Mass to present to the parish the different options we have. Father said 3 to 5 minutes. Committee members could be in the Narthex to answer questions and give their input. Father suggested we put the information on facebook.

Roberta asked if we had a completion date in mind. It was agreed that we should be able to finish it this summer.

B. Folding Chairs. Report from Roberta..

Roberta talked to the people at Costco in Midland. The chair we are looking at purchasing will cost \$24.97.

Costco doesn't use script but we could pay with VISA gift cards.

After much discussion it was decided that Sherry would get a Costco Business Membership for the parish at a cost of \$120 per year.

Sherry is going to Chicago this weekend. She will pick up as many chairs at Costco as her vehicle will hold.

We will purchase the rest of the chairs later.

Discussion on what to do with the present folding chairs.

It was decided that we will offer the chairs to the parishioners for a donation. Then any chairs that are left will be donated to the Habitat Restore or taken to Greenville Steel to be recycled.

C. Tim Reno talked to Dave Mendrearegarding the steeple and the proposed long term fix. Dave said Keiffs Roofing will hire a sheet metal guy to cover up the skylights which should alleviate any future leaking. We will lose the light from the skylights but we have lighting in the interior of the church. Tim will report more at the April meeting.

D. Tim R. reported on the new windows on the north side of the school. He talked to Mark L. from Mission Lumber and found out the sandstone colored windows would cost \$1,000 each and wouldn't be available until the fall. Tim's brother who works for a lumberyard in Port Huron can get the sandstone colored windows for \$812 each.

IV. New business

A. Report from Marilyn about the “ Moving Our Parish Forward” meeting Roberta and I had with Fr. Jim and Sherry on 2-18-22. You should have received the notes from me on 2-25-22.

Reason for the meeting. To determine what we as committee secretaries can do “to help our parish improve in the areas of communication and transparency with Fr, church and school staff, councils, boards ministries and parishioners”.

Deliverables: We have a lot to do. It will take time. Please be patient with us.

Any questions?

B. Andrew Havens-news from the St. Charles School Board. Andrew will not be present. He reported that there is no news from the school board.

C. Fr. Jim’s comments.

D. Tim R. Tile on the stairs from the lower level to the Narhex.

E. Possible new meeting date and time. Members, please bring your available meeting times and dates with you.

V. Comments from members.

VI. Comments from parishioners.

VI. Date of next meeting _____. Place _____.

VII. Closing prayer and adjournment. Prayer led by _____

Time of adjournment. _____

_____ made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

_____ seconded the motion. Motion passes/failed.