

Minutes of the Joint Pastoral Council Meeting
Thursday, October 7, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.
St. Anthony Parish Center

Members Present: Mary DeFoe (SN), Mary Freitag (SN), Greg Montgomery (SN), Craig Hohlfeld (SA), and Andrea Olson (SH).

Members Absent: Bill Madison (SA), Carol Wozniak (SA), and Anita Tomczik (SH).

- I. Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mary DeFoe.
- II. Opening Prayer: Deacon Steve led the council in prayer.
- III. The council reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting of September 2, 2021. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mary Freitag, second by Greg Montgomery. Motion was called and approved unanimously.
- IV. St. Anthony Finance Committee Report:

Deacon Steve reported that as of October 7, 2021, St. Anthony's has a balance of \$26,319.89 in the general checking account and \$18,372.67 in general savings. The new church building fund has a balance of \$252,237.99. Currently there is \$986,752.92 in investments. The perpetual care account has \$216,042.81 in principal and interest. The total of all assets to date is \$1,525,532.10.

Deacon Steve advised that the finance committee approved a motion authorizing up to \$30,000.00 be spent to purchase new wooden chairs with kneelers for the worship space. Funds for the purchase are to be taken from the St. Anthony building fund. The chairs will be used to supplement pews in the new church building, but in the meantime can be used in the current worship space. Deacon Steve asked St. Anthony members support of the finance committee's decision.

Motion made by Mary DeFoe and seconded by Greg Montgomery to approve the decision of the finance committee to spend up to \$30,000.00 to purchase new chairs with kneelers for the worship space with funds to come from the St. Anthony building fund account. Motion was called and passed unanimously.

- V. Old Business:

St. Anthony church building update: Deacon Steve advised Bishop Powers has approved the hiring of Mark Davy & Associates to run our capital campaign. Bob Boehm is going to chair the campaign committee and has been working to recruit volunteers for the committee. They are having their first meeting Mark Davy and Associates on October 25, 2021.

Deacon Greg & Elaine Ricci have been working very hard to plan a Celebration of Life for the old St. Anthony Church building. The celebration will take place on Sunday, October 17, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. The celebration will include an outdoor Mass followed by Eucharistic Adoration and a procession from the old church to the new church. Refreshments will follow.

The building committee will be hosting an open meeting on Saturday, October 30, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. along with Architect Greg Granlund of Lien & Peterson Architects from Eau Claire. The purpose of the open meeting will be to describe the process that has been at work for the last two years and for people to hear from the Architect on the challenges we have faced in this process. There will be a question-and-answer period regarding the project and an opportunity for people to provide input to the architect.

VI. New Business:

- 1.) St. Anthony – Mary DeFoe reported the CCW is discussing ideas to help raise money for the new church building. Some of the ideas they are talking about are doing another variety show, possibly at the Legion, doing a drive through dinner, and maybe a plant sale.
- 2.) St. Ann – Craig Hohlfeld asked if the furnaces in the parish hall had been repaired or replaced. Deacon Steve advised he is not aware of any ongoing maintenance issues with the furnaces in the center. Both furnaces in the church building were replaced two years ago. Deacon Steve suggested Craig talk with Tim Sollman. He may have more information.

Deacon Steve advised the carpet on the entrance of the south side of the church has been replaced. The funds were provided for by a parishioner.

- 3.) Sacred Heart – Deacon Steve reported that Krause Construction was supposed to come to Almena on October 5th, 2021, to look at the steeple but failed to show. Krause Construction are steeple jacks out of Lacrosse, WI. This is the second time they have been a no show, so it's time to look elsewhere. Some suggestions were offered as to who to contact for possible resources.

Deacon Steve advised he has not heard anything from the Almena KC's regarding progress on a new sign for the building.

VII. Committee Reports

Health Committee - Mary Freitag reported that the health team met in September and will be meeting again in October. Blood pressure checks are underway again before masses. The website page has been updated with resources, and plans are being made to provide education brochures and other resources at the back of the churches. The committee is planning to do another survey soon as needs have changed. The committee is also looking for new members from St. Ann and Sacred Heart parishes.

VIII. Motion to adjourn made by Craig Hohlfeld, seconded by Andrea Olson. Motion was called and passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Next meeting date: Thursday – November 4, 2021.

Location: St. Anthony Parish Center

Dcn. Steve Linton

Parish Life Coordinator