

Sts. Isidore & Maria Torribia Parish

Parish Council Meeting Minutes  
August 26, 2018

**Present**

Arthur Jones	Fr. Pat Connor	Dale Hall	Josh Apenowich
Robert Wylie	David Woodard	Lewis Harrison	Joseph Machuga
Deacon Doug Farwell	Peter Olausson		

**Excused**

Andrea Ketchum	Darron Mohr	Mike Binkowski
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**Guests:**

Rose Fox

Meeting was called to order at 6:04 PM by secretary Jones

**Opening Prayer** - was offered by Fr. Pat

**Guest Remarks**

Rose Fox addressed the council regarding the broken railing on the steps into St. Joseph's hall and when a town meeting is going to be held. Rose stated the railing has been rusted off for several months and there have been several close calls with parishioners reaching for the railing for support while on the stairs. She also stated that she is being approached by parishioners upset with the loss of the Sunday mass. Parishioners have been told there will be a town meeting to discuss this but a date has not been set.

Peter stated there is no time line for the repair of the railing. It is a custom railing that has to be made. Council supported having this issue addressed as soon as possible and if needed a temporary railing can be constructed using wood to address this safety issue.

Fr. Pat addressed the town meeting question. He has contacted Tom Kubus from the Dioceses who conducts these meetings and is waiting on a response from him. Fr. Pat will contact him again to get a date for the meeting.

**May 20 Council Meeting Minutes** - Motion made by Robert Wylie, second by Dave Woodard that the council minutes be approved as distributed. **PASSED.**

**Pastor Remarks**

Fr. Pat reviewed the letter sent by the Bishop regarding the latest sexual abuse finding in Pennsylvania parishes.

Christmas Mass- Fr. Pat has found another Priest who is willing to assist with the Christmas mass schedule. Fr. Curtis has agreed to assist. There will be one mass offered at each church in the parish on December 24<sup>th</sup>. The final schedule is still being worked out.

## **Business Manager's Report**

**Mass Attendance** – Peter reported it is difficult to compare attendance due to the change in the mass schedule. It does appear that St. Stanislaus has lost about 30 people per mass, St. Catherine's has lost about 100 people per mass, and St. Joseph's has lost about 100 people per mass. Peter stated it will take a year of monitoring attendance to come up with more accurate numbers on this.

**Collections**- Peter stated the collections revenue is returning to previous levels.

**Cemetery Grant**- Peter reported the parish did receive the grant to upgrade parish cemeteries. Estimates are being obtained to clear the brush at St. Joseph's Cemetery, install a fence, and level monuments. Options are being looked at to either clear brush part way to the river or clear it all the way. The cemetery is being considered for cremation burials and that would factor in to how much brush to clear.. Estimates St. Catherine's Cemetery are being obtained for leveling and repair of headstones.

**Trees at St. Catherine's** – Peter reported that the tree work has been completed.

**Broken Pew at St. Catherine's** – Peter reported that the broken pew has been repaired.

**St. Catherine's Stained Glass Window** - Peter reported that the window was falling apart. The lead had deteriorated and the sill was rotten. The window is being removed for repair at a cost of \$7,770. It should be back in place by Christmas.

**Parish Maintenance Assistant**. - Peter is looking for an assistant for Mike. There are jobs where two people are required to complete the task as well as for safety (such as gutter cleaning where Mike should not be working alone). Peter is checking on insurance and liability issues for a person to assist Mike when needed.

Shawn Moran from the Dioceses visited the parish to assess the conditions of the three churches. He recommended the parish consider obtaining tabernacles for St. Joseph and St. Catherine's and re-lamping St. Stanislaus and St. Catherine's with bulbs that will give off a warmer light. Mr. Moran's assessment of the churches was that they are in good shape overall.

## **Old Business**

**Emergency Planning** – David reported that each church needed to be evaluated by the Sheriff. He will be arranging this. Peter reported that the dioceses is developing a "fill in the blank" planning form for emergency preparedness for churches in the dioceses.

**St. Stan's Bell** - It has been determined that the bell at St. Stanislaus is still there and it works. The belfry still has to be evaluated for structural integrity. If no issues are found the only thing that needs to be done is install a new rope so the bell can be rung from the church.

**Parish Picnic** - The picnic is scheduled for September 15<sup>th</sup> at the American Legion Field in Campbell. The final planning meeting before the event will be August 27<sup>th</sup>.



Council Membership – Fr. Pat has been contacting parishioners seeking candidates to replace current council members whose terms are expiring. Theresa White has agreed to represent St. Catherine's. Roger Paruski has agreed to represent St. Stanislaus. Fr. Pat is still seeking a representative for St. Joseph's.

**New Business**

Council Officers- Mike Binkowski, Darron Mohr, and Dale Hall will be leaving the council as their terms have expired. New officers will be elected at the September meeting. Council members will be asked for nominations for officers at the meeting for the Chair and Vice Chair positions.

**Next Meeting** – September 23, 2018 at St. Joseph's Hall at 6 PM.

**Closing Prayer** – Deacon Doug offered the closing prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM

Respectfully submitted

Arthur Jones  
Council Secretary