

## Parish Council Meeting Minutes – 06/08/2021

Attendees: Dan Burke, Justin VanTassel, Don Barry, Karen Barry, Ron Orzel, Sue Stevens, Ken Bates, Cecelia Carstens, Members of OLPH

Absent: John Mihalko

Don Barry opened with prayer. A brief discussion and sharing took place.

### Old Business:

- Ministry Committee
  - This topic is on hold still and we will revisit it in the future.
- New Parish Council Members
  - Welcome to Karen Barry from Marathon. We hope after getting a new priest we can review the bylaws and try to get more members.
- TV's for Prayers/Hymns
  - We are tabling this topic for now. We are waiting the new priest and more parish council members to discuss this again.
- OLPH 12 PM Mass
  - We believe the new priest will be going to OLPH but are not 100% sure.
- Review of Bylaws
  - We decided to table this topic until after July 1 when we will hopefully have a new priest assigned to us.
- Marathon Sound System
  - Mary sent out a check today. Equipment should hopefully arrive as early as next week. Dan Burke offered a temporary solution with a simple portable microphone for the coming weekend.
- Song Book Discussion
  - This subscription also provides us with the copyright for the music. We need to contact Jen Cafferty on this subject.
- Lighting/security at St. Stephen's
  - We discussed the possibility of improving the one light there and the effort that would be required if we wanted to mount other lights in other locations. Ken Bates suggested using an LED over the back door and suggested changing the CFL to an LED for the current light on the building.
- Carpenter bees at St. Patrick's
  - Dan Burke will reach out to Ed King on this topic.

### New Business:

- Ministry Reports
  - We are tabling this topic until the next meeting.
- Parish Council members, meetings, and elections
  - Typically we do not meet in July and August, but with a new priest coming we will plan to meet both months. We are hoping to have new election of officers in September.
- Faith Formation Coordinator
  - Cecelia Carstens is resigning as faith formation coordinator. She offered to help out the next person. She has been the coordinator for 9 years. We thank her very much for her service to our parish.

- Trustee Topics
  - Ron Orzel asked questions about the steps and rail that were fixed in Marathon. Also, he brought up the topic of coming up with a list of items that need to be addressed at each church in the short term.
  - Ron also suggested we outline in the new bylaws some of these topics like spending amounts for emergencies and doing more business online and by email to try and speed up our process.

Ken Bates closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Justin VanTassel