

MEETING OF THE MEN OF ST. JOSEPH

Minutes of the Aug 24, 2021 Meeting

In Attendance:

Fr. O'Hara	Kevin Thum	Joe Schival	Pat D'Angelo	Joe Kelly
Rick McKay	Kathy Gallagher	Renee Tamburo		

Financial Report

	<u>Credit</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Balance: (Thru July 13th)			12,810.59
Ending Balance			12,810.59

Old Business

- Building Committee Report out
 - Old House
 - The items left to complete the window upgrade of the Old House
 - install new soffit under the second-floor bump out and interior painting.
 - Grotto
 - A new stone mason has been contacted. No date yet for when he expects to begin work.
 - Forms for the grotto stone work are being fabricated
 - Classrooms
 - New HVAC units for Unit #1 and #3 have been installed.
- Scout Projects.
 - No Update

New Business

- Oktoberfest
 - Because of several key workers unavailability, the date for our Oktoberfest celebration has been moved back one week to October 9th.
 - There are major concerns about the status of the pandemic at that time, so the final decision about hosting the event won't be made until the September meeting. Under considerations to keep attendees safe are:
 - Limit the attendees to a smaller group, possibly by invitation only.
 - Attendees would reserve a table for their group.
 - Simplify the menu and have table service instead of buffet style.
 - Start and end earlier.
 - No sides on the pavilion or canopy
 - No band, music from CDs or internet.
- St. Joseph Garden

- Harvest time is upon us. The potatoes have been dug up and replaced with a row of string beans.
- Tomatoes are in peak harvest time.
- Community Service
 - Repairs to the kitchen floor of Ed and Deb Engle's trailer still need to be done. It's estimated that about 4 sheets of plywood flooring need to be replaced in the kitchen and laundry areas. It's a dangerous situation where someone can fall through the floor. We'll coordinate with Kathy Smith and the owners for work dates. Watch your e-mail for notice of the date and time.
- Classroom Access
 - It was brought to our attention that several adults and children take a "short-cut" to the classrooms by walking on the river stones behind the Old House. The potential for a twisted ankle or worse is very high. Suggested remedies include:
 - Fencing off that access
 - Create a safe walkway from the parking area to the deck
 - Add a second stairway at the end of the deck.
 The building committee will evaluate.
- Ed Hogan
 - It is with great sorrow that we announce the passing of Ed Hogan. Ed was a regular at our meetings and assisted daily with the church maintenance. He quietly worked far harder than his 91 years should have allowed but always had a smile for everyone. In honor of his service the group toasted Ed with his favorite Guinness and Jameson.

Up-Coming Events:

- Men's Spirituality Meetings – Sept 14
- Breakfast in the Pavilion – Aug 29, Sept 12
- Oktoberfest – Oct 9th
- Italian Dinner Night – Mar 5th 2022

The meeting was closed with a prayer. The next meeting should be on Sept 21st.

Fr. O'Hara's Wish List (Possible projects in no particular order):

<u>Status</u>	<u>Description</u>
<u>In Progress</u>	Pavilion upgrades; enclosing the sides, painting, covering the posts.
<u>In Progress</u>	Batting Cage donation plaque installation
<u>In Progress</u>	Classrooms Skirts, (Classroom #3 complete)
_____	Walking Trail
<u>In Progress</u>	Grotto & Rosary path
_____	Landscaping between the parking lot and ball fields (row of trees)
_____	Replace old telephone poles in the parking lot with concrete bumpers or curb.
_____	Playground Expansion for older kids.
_____	Sponsor a luncheon for the Vets at Whitehall.
_____	Rectory Basement Entrance
_____	Repair / paint gazebo
_____	Repair / stain the pavilion kitchen storage shed
_____	Old House Storage room sill