

MEETING OF THE MEN OF ST. JOSEPH

Minutes of the Aug 18, 2020 Meeting

In Attendance:

Fr. O'Hara	Kevin Thum	Rick McKay	Joe Kelly	Chris White
Ralph Sirico	Joe Schival	Mark Arnold	Katherine Thorpe	

Below are the minutes from the July meeting of the Men of St. Joseph.

Financial Report

	<u>Credit</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Balance: (Feb 18)			11,148.26

Old Business

- Building Committee Report out
 - Old House
 - Leveling of the second-floor bay and installation of additional support has been completed.
 - The installation of the last three windows is scheduled for the first week of September, anyone interested in helping should contact Pat Diangelo or Joe Schival. Weather dependent.
 - A new sump pump and sump has been installed in the basement to address the water intrusion issues.
 - New basement LED lighting has also been installed in the basement.
 - Rectory Basement
 - The stormwater drainage system has been modified with a vent to help with handing rainwater in hopes of preventing basement flooding.
 - We are also getting estimates on new rain gutters and making repairs to the soffits.
 - Grotto
 - This project is our top priority for 2020.
 - A suitable statue of the blessed mother has been secured. Fr. O'Hara will contact the company who moves statuary for the archdiocese when the foundation is complete.
 - A "Grotto Team" meeting needs to be scheduled to finalize the design, layout.
 - Katherine Thorp has volunteered to do the landscaping once the layout is finalized as part of her Girl Scout's Gold Award.
 - Future steps include identifying sources of stone and a mason.
- Eagle Scout Projects.
 - Hugh O'Donnell is planning on rehabilitating the playground and gazebo area.
 - Still need to determine the BSA guidance on project planning and troop support.

New Business

- St Joseph's Garden
 - St. Joseph's garden is going well, you may have see some of its bounty outside the church after the weekend masses.
 - The purpose is to support any parish families that might be struggling because a loss of employment and the Spring City food bank.
 - Cucumbers and zucchini were the first "fruits" from the garden and are almost done.
 - Potatoes, onions and string beans are coming in now.
 - Unfortunately, it looks like our sweet corn is a total loss.

- Men's Spiritually meetings
 - The men's meetings to study and discuss different aspects of scripture is starting up again.
 - Meeting will be held in the pavilion in a socially distant arrangement.

Up- Coming Events:

- Men's Spiritually Meeting: Sept 8th

The meeting was closed with a prayer. The next meeting should be on Sept 15.

MEN OF ST. JOSEPH
Fr. O'Hara's Wish List

Possible projects in no particular order:

<u>Status</u>	<u>Description</u>
<u>In Progress</u>	Old House Windows
<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>	Replacement of Church windows
_____	Classrooms (Skirts, Vents, Stairs, Pavers)
_____	Walking Trail
<u>In Progress</u>	The Grotto & Stations of the Cross Meditation 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
<u>In Progress</u>	Repair / paint playground equipment
<u>In Progress</u>	Repair / paint gazebo
_____	Repair / stain the pavilion kitchen storage shed
_____	Old House Storage room sill
=====	Paint church signage
=====	Extend Sidewalk to rear entrance