

MEETING OF THE MEN OF ST. JOSEPH

Minutes of the July 21, 2020 Meeting

In Attendance:

Fr. O'Hara	Kevin Thum	Rick McKay	Joe Kelly	Chris White
Chuck Staab	Ralph Sirico	Joe Schival	Pat D'Angelo	Harry Tucci

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
 - The installation of the last three windows needs to be scheduled. Weather dependent.
 - Determination on the need for additional support for the bay area still needs to be made.
 - New church windows
 - The all the windows have had the exterior caulk installed.
 - Both the exterior and interior trim above the windows needs to be installed.
 - Rectory Basement
 - It's been decided that we will continue to monitor the wall at this time. Until we can better plan the installation and schedule work crews.
 - Grotto
 - This project is our top priority for 2020.
 - A suitable statue of the blessed mother has been secured. A trip will be scheduled next week to determine the best way to transport the statue.
 - A "Grotto Team" meeting needs to be scheduled to finalize the design, layout and location.
 - Kathleen Thorp has volunteered to do the landscaping.
 - 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. Work includes weeding, installing new mulch, structural repairs, replacement of any broken / rusted items, releveling the tower, sanding and staining all wooden sections.
 - Still need to determine the BSA guidance on project planning and troop support.

New Business

- St Joseph's Garden
 - We've planted a garden. It's located next to the pavilion and is currently about 40'x60'. Crops include tomatoes, peppers, potatoes, carrots, onions, squash, zucchini, beans and corn.
 - 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 are the first "fruits" from the garden.
 - A mobile vegetable stand has been constructed. Titled "St. Joseph's Table" in honor of the tradition started in the middle ages; when there was a severe drought and famine in Sicily. The peasants prayed to St. Joseph and when the rains came, they organized a celebration by creating large tables with the food saved by the rains.
 - The "Table" will be located outside the church after Saturday and Sunday Masses.
 - Anyone one interested in some meditative weeding, in support of this effort can contact Kevin, Pat or myself.

Up- Coming Events:

None scheduled

The meeting was closed with a prayer. The next meeting should be on Aug18.

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
_____	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