

MEETING OF THE MEN OF ST. JOSEPH

Minutes of the Nov 16, 2021 Meeting

In Attendance:

Fr. O'Hara Kevin Thum Joe Schival Pat D'Angelo Rick McKay
Chuck Staab

Financial Report

	<u>Credit</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Balance: (Thru Nov 16)			
Oktoberfest supplies		480.69	
PREP Scholarship		100.00	
Ending Balance			13,102.44

Old Business

- Building Committee Report out
 - Old House
 - No Update. 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
 - The Grotto is nearing completion. Stone work should be completed this week.
 - Following the stone work, the interior form will be removed for pointing.
 - There will be a blessing of the Grotto in conjunction with the closing of the "Year of St, Joseph" on December 12th. Weather permitting it will be scheduled for late afternoon (3:00 or 4:00pm). Watch the church bulletin for exact time.
 - Classroom Access
 - It was decided to hold off on a final decision on the classroom access until we find out if the upper parking lot will be paved. Suggested remedies include:
 - Fencing off that access
 - Create a safe walkway from the parking area to the deck, estimated cost is almost \$400.
 - Add a second stairway at the end of the deck. (Not yet evaluated)
- Scout Projects.
 - No update on projects
 - The Scout plaque listing all the projects performed at St. Joseph was removed so that the latest projects could be added. (Hugh O'Donnell, Katherine Thorpe, Patrick White)

- Batting Cage Plaque
 - The new plaque has been received; the stand is being fabricated.

- Church Cross
 - The trees behind the cross alcove on the left side of the church are damaged and will be cut down. Future landscaping will be developed for the spring.
- Debbie Engle Kitchen Floor
 - The men's group have been asked to assist a parishioner with repairs to their kitchen floor.
 - The work is scheduled for this Thursday.
- Whitehall Veterans Home
 - The Thanksgiving dinner for the Veterans in Whitehall is scheduled for Wednesday Nov 17th.
 - Members of the Men's and Women's group are cooking turkey and veggies and will serve dinner at 4:00 and 5:30
- Picnic Tables
 - No Update. The pavilion picnic tables have been stored under a tarp next to the garden. Originally moved to make room for seating for outdoor Mass, the tarps are weather worn and need to be replaced.
 - There was discussion on their future use. They are very heavy to move and the integral benches make it hard for some people to use.
 - One possible change could be to remove the benches and just use the tables with folding chairs.
- Men of St. Joseph meeting gavel.
 - The gavel block has been sent out so the commemorative plate can be installed.

New Business

- Superbowl Hoagies; The Men and Women's group will again sell hoagies to support St. Mary's shelter in Phoenixville.
- Holiday Decorating.
 - Church Christmas decorating is planned for the week of Dec 20th. Tentatively set for Dec 22nd depending on flower delivery.

Up- Coming Events:

- Christmas Decorating – Dec 22
- Super Bowl Hoagies – Feb 13
- Italian Dinner Night – Mar 5th 2022

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

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.
<u>In Progress</u>	Sponsor a luncheon for the Vets at Whitehall.
_____	Rectory Basement Entrance
_____	Repair / paint gazebo
_____	Improve access to classrooms from upper parking lot.
_____	Repair roof / stain the pavilion kitchen storage shed
_____	Old House Storage room sill
<u>In Progress</u>	Repairs to the kitchen floor of Ed and Deb Engle's trailer
_____	Picnic table covers / mods