

# MEETING OF THE MEN OF ST. JOSEPH

Minutes of the Oct 19, 2021 Meeting

## In Attendance:

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

## Financial Report

	<u>Credit</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Balance: (Thru Oct 19)			<b>13,119.81</b>
Oktoberfest Donations	1,265.00		
Oktoberfest supplies		641.68	
Ending Balance			<b>13,743.13</b>

## 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
    - We decided on a stone mason for construction of the grotto. Start time is late October early November
    - Forms to help the mason construct the grotto are under development.
  - 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 report
- Oktoberfest
  - OKTOBERFEST was another great success!
  - It's estimated that over 100 people attended.
- Batting Cage Plaque

- The plaque for the Batting Cage has been lost. A new plaque will be ordered and installed when complete.
- Church Cross
  - The trees behind the cross alcove on the left side of the church are damaged and will be cut down this week. 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 floor has been damaged by water and has several soft spots that could create a fall thru hazard.
  - A materials list of supplies will be made, with work expected to occur in November.

### **New Business**

- Whitehall Veterans Home
  - Fr. O'Hara asked if the men's group would be interested in providing a Thanksgiving dinner for the Veterans in Whitehall. The members in attendance thought it was doable.
  - The specifics have to be developed but generally it would occur on Nov 18<sup>th</sup> for an estimated 50 people. Watch your e-mail for specific dates for cooking, meal prep and delivery.
- The St. Joseph Garden will be cleaned up and winter crops (garlic and onions) planted this weekend.
- Picnic Tables
  - 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 group decided to honor Ed Hogan's memory by getting an engraved plaque made for the gavel and block he donated to the group for our meeting.

### **Up-Coming Events:**

- Italian Dinner Night – Mar 5<sup>th</sup> 2022

The meeting was closed with a prayer. The next meeting should be on Nov 16th.

**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)
<u>_____</u>	Walking Trail
<u>In Progress</u>	Grotto & Rosary path
<u>_____</u>	Landscaping between the parking lot and ball fields (row of trees)
<u>_____</u>	Replace old telephone poles in the parking lot with concrete bumpers or curb.
<u>_____</u>	Playground Expansion for older kids.
<u>_____</u>	Sponsor a luncheon for the Vets at Whitehall.
<u>_____</u>	Rectory Basement Entrance
<u>_____</u>	Repair / paint gazebo
<u>_____</u>	Improve access to classrooms from upper parking lot.
<u>_____</u>	Repair roof / stain the pavilion kitchen storage shed
<u>_____</u>	Old House Storage room sill
<u>_____</u>	Repairs to the kitchen floor of Ed and Deb Engle's trailer
<u>_____</u>	Picnic table covers / mods