

Minutes for Parish Council Meeting
March 1, 2022

Present: Fr. Tony Fortman, Ashley Duling

Parish Council Members Present: Jodi Schroeder, Kelly Morman, Mike Karhoff, Becky Schroeder, Jon Leopold, Tim Hoehn, Tyler Leopold and Morgan Miller

Finance Council members present: Sara Siefker

Parish Council Members Absent: Kelly Schroeder, Eric Kaufman

1. **Opening prayer** was offered by Fr. Tony Fortman.
2. **Read & Approve Parish Council minutes** last meeting of January 18, 2022. Approval motioned by Kelly Morman. Seconded by Becky Schroeder. Minutes approved.
3. **Updates**

The Good Shephard Mural Boarder – The mural looks great and there were no issues in the project, well within time guidelines.

Diocese Capital Campaign – The process for the Toledo Diocese Capital Campaign of \$65 million goal has started. St. John the Baptist Church/Glandorf parish, which is in the first wave of the campaign, was given the goal of \$820,000 by July, 2022. Pledges made at this time can be paid over a maximum five-year period. Up to the \$820,000 goal, 35% of it will go back to the parish while 50% over the goal goes back to the parish. St. John the Baptist Church parishioners will be provided information to make their own personal decision in this regards to how much they are willing to donate to this campaign.

The Diocese is asking this parish for a suggestion for case element(s) - specifying what we can allocate for project(s) for the funds that go back to this parish.

Regarding the staircase to the choir loft, there was discussion of emergency situations, the difficulty of organists, choir members, and other parishioners to go up the current stairs, the ability to be able to have organists, and the concerns of a fire emergency was also discussed. Research is already underway in regards to an alternate staircase attached to the inside walls of the church. More research and quotes are necessary no final decision on the staircase placement has been made.

It was proposed that this alternate staircase be a possible case element for this Diocese Capital Campaign. It was motioned by Jon Leopold and seconded by Mike Karhoff. The motion was approved.

Parish Driveway – Discussion continued on the possible 2nd part of the driveway project. With the very generous donations of The Concrete Couple and K&L Ready Mix, the parish cost would be \$31,890. This does not include a needed sidewalk – that would be additional. The current time-frame would be June, 2022.

With the Diocese Capital Campaign going on in that time-frame, it was discussed and recommended of Ashley asking Tim Duling and Chris and Tyler Kahle if we could hold off on the 2nd part of the driveway and make sure it is a necessity of the Parish. The handicap horseshoe parking lot needs addressed.

Diane Utrup resigned 02-22-2022. Mary Ellen Halker has agreed to temporarily be available until a replacement is found. The search for a replacement is in process.

Parish Council Member Election – April 2022. Two men and two women will be elected in April. Any Parishioner who would like their name to be on the ballot is welcome. Council members are seeking new people to agree to be on the ballot.

4. New Business

Tim Hoehn brought up that a number of parishioners approached him regarding having a hand railing to help people get up the steps to the altar. Ashley stated that the concept has been brought up before with the idea of having the railing behind the altar, to be more out-of-view, and was determined that it was something that could be done. This will be looked into further.

5. **Next meeting** – Parish Council Meeting Monday, April 18, 2022 at 7:15 pm in the Undercroft. If it is deemed better to have a joint parish council and finance committee meeting, Ashley will send out notice.

6. Closing prayer was offered by Fr. Tony Fortman.

Respectfully submitted, Tim Hoehn