

Parish of the Precious Blood – Building & Grounds Minutes

April 18th, 2017 Meeting at St. Mary's Church Conference Rm.

The meeting of the Buildings & Grounds council for January was canceled due to winter storm. February Meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm by Council Chair Rodney Bourgoïn.

The following were in attendance:

- St. Catherine – Rodney Bourgoïn
- Michael Lagasse, Business Coordinator
- St. Marks / Our LOL – Ronnie Fournier
- St. Marks / Our LOL – Jim Lavaway
- St. Louis – Raynald Gervais
- Parish Facilities Manager – David White
- St. Mary's – Dan Girardin
- Pastor – Fr. Jean-Paul Labrie

Sites not in attendance were Holy Rosary, Sacred Heart, St. Denis, St. Theresa and St Joseph.

Opening prayer "Our Father" was said by the group.

The minutes from our last meeting of February 21st, were reviewed by council. Ronnie Fournier motioned they be approved. Jim Lavaway 2nd the motion. Minutes approved and accepted as written.

Old Business Reviewed:

The council was presented with the Report final cost to do replace the rotting floor in the church hall at St. Theresa. From start to finish removing all the rot replacing sub floor framing and laying down floor along with finished floor covering and new heating registers for room total cost of the project came to \$10,675.00.

We discussed the roof at St. Josephs. Project was approved last year and vendor was selected. Council decided to wait out the winter to raise funds. This spring same vendor cost went up to \$43K versus the 35K quote last summer. Council decided to go out for new bids those were received and reviewed. The bid submitted by James Collins of Mapleton was \$33900.00 and was approved by council to submit to Finance for final approval.

Review of current and needed projects:

1. St. Denis has requested the parking lot area be refinished as there is a lot of lifting and cracking causing trip hazards. The council agreed to look at the cost of this but no other commitment was made at this time. David will be soliciting estimates for the refinishing and/or patching of the lot at St. Denis.
2. Our Lady of the Lake in Portage is requesting we look at the gutters and possibly building a cover area between outside retainers to keep water away from building still seeing some water seeping in the cellar during spring thaw and heavy rains.

3. Ashland still St Marks is still on the list for paint / staining of the exterior of the church. Ronnie and Jim are to look at some possibilities with in the community to get this done.
4. St Louis outside front steps and many places in the foundation are deteriorating. David will contact some masons to come evaluate and give us a price on patching. David will also look at replacing or fixing rotted window frames on cellar windows.
5. St. Catherine wants us to look at extending a covering over steps to rear door to keep snow from roof sliding off on steps.

Open Discussion:

Council discussed fuel pricing for 2017-2018 season as the costs a starting to climb. Prices were locked in prior week for \$2.04 oil and 1.57 propane.

There is a job search on the way for a new sexton for St Mary's the current sexton has resigned and will be done May 1st.

A discussion was had with father Labrie informing the council going forward because Michael Lagasse is going part time and wants to semi retire until his position is filled David White Facilities Supervisor will be the main contact for Buildings and Grounds and will be staff assisting the council at this time

Next meeting was scheduled for June 8th, in Caribou at the parish center for 6:30 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 PM

Closing Prayer was a Hail Mary said by the group

Minutes submitted by Michael Lagasse, Parish Business Coordinator