

Parish of the Precious Blood – Cemetery Council Minutes April 20th, 2017

The meeting of the Cemetery Council was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairperson Michael Tardiff at Holy Rosary Parish Center in Caribou. The meeting was opened with a prayer said by Fr. Labrie.

The following were in attendance:

- John Powers, St. Mary's
- Michael Lagasse, Business Coordinator
- Michael Tardiff, Chair person
- Gregory Plourde, St. Theresa
- Bob LeBlanc, Holy Rosary
- Fr. Jean-Paul Labrie, Pastor
- Harold Cote, Sacred Heart
- Betty Thompson, Sacred Heart
- Herm Turcotte, Cemetery Operations

Absent from this meeting: Jim Pelkey and Dan Lalonde St Louis, George Baker and Corrinne Pelletier St. Marks and OLOL Portage.

Meeting was started by a prayer lead by Fr. Labire.

It was motioned by Bob Leblanc minutes from February meeting be accepted as written 2nd by John Powers to accept the minutes as presented. So accepted by all and passed.

OLD BUSINESS: All funeral directors were notified of the change in schedule of fees that will take affect on May 1st 2017.

FINANCIAL REVIEW: Financial report was given by Business coordinator. As of 3rd quarter close March 31st the overall results show the cemeteries in the black by \$22,572.00 It is to be noted that year to date the Investment gains are at \$15,528.00 and there has been \$6,811.00 in Parish subsidies for the Cemetery Supervisor wages. So factoring these out the Net Income over Expenses for the cemetery to date would be \$233.00 in the black. By site St. Marks and Our Lady of the Lake Cemeteries were the only sites with a deficit year to date all other sites income exceeds expenses.

DISCUSSIONS: Father Labrie spoke with the council of the changes in Business Coordinator position going forth until a replacement is found. Mike Lagasse is now Part time and serving as both the Business Coordinator and the Bookkeeper. He will only be attending meetings at the request of Father or if a special project needs his attention. Until a new Business coordinator is found Herm Turcotte the Cemetery Operations Supervisor will be in his role supporting the council to insure they have needed information to make needed decisions to keep our cemetery operations moving in the right direction.

2017 LAWN CARE BIDS DISCUSSED: Bid request were sent out to nine vendors that we preferred for lawn care services. Of the nine six responded with bid quotes. After discussion and reviewing of cost the following bids were awarded for 2017 lawn care. Cost remained fairly flat we say about a \$400.00 dollar savings over last year.

Thompsons Property Maintenance awarded St. Mary cemeteries and Holy Rosary Lyndon St. cemetery
Precision Lawn Service Inc. was awarded St Louis cemetery and St Denis old Irish cemetery
MadDog Mowing, Bruce Door was awarded the St Denis Riverside Rd Cemetery
Hews Lawn Care was awarded all St Mark cemeteries and Our Lady of the Lake cemetery
R&M Lawn Care was awarded both St Theresa cemeteries, Sacred Heart cemetery and Holy Rosary
Sweden St Cemetery

SCHEDULE CHANGES: Based on other commitments Mike Tardiff addressed the council about changing the summer meetings as he had numerous conflicts with the proposed date. Council agreed to the recommendations. A new annual schedule will be sent to all by Mike.

Next meeting will be on Thursday, June 8th, at 5:30 PM at Holy Rosary.

Closing prayer was said by all.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted:
Michael Lagasse, Business Coordinator