

**St. Augustine's Parish Council Meeting Minutes (web)**

**Tuesday, May 28, 2019**

**Location:** Parish Hall

**Attendees:** Carol, Karen, Michael, Pat, Jose, Darcy, Linda, Alan, Don, Pat (Parish Clerk).

1. **Opening Prayer:** Carol opened the meeting with prayer @ 7:00 pm.
2. **Parish Clerk Introduction:** Carol introduced Pat and thanked her for volunteering to be the Parish Clerk.
3. **Adoption of Agenda:** Moved by Pat /Seconded by Linda that the Agenda be adopted as amended being: an addition 7 i 1. Stoles. **CARRIED**
4. **Adoption of Previous Meeting Minutes:** Moved by Carol/Seconded by Michael that the minutes of the last meeting be accepted as printed.

**CARRIED**

5. **Management Reports:**

- a. Karen - Financial Report
- b. Michael - Worship

6. **Business Arising from Minutes:**

- a. **Financial Report:** Karen presented the financial statement for the period ending April 30, 2019. The giving at this time is slightly over budget and we are in good shape thus far. The increase in Utilities was explained by a colder than average April coupled with an increase in the rate per GJ, so we will probably be over budget on Utilities this year. Following a brief discussion it was moved by Karen/Seconded by Don that the financial report be accepted as printed.

**CARRIED**

b. **12th Street Property Sales Update:**

For Sale signs are now up. The tenants in 404 are leaving at the end of June. Nothing definite on a purchaser.

7. **Other Business:**

a. **Hall/Sunday School Refurbishment:**

Carol mentioned that Allan is doing a great job with organizing the refurbishment, with many plans for improving the space. An allotment of money at this time would allow the refurbishment to get started. Moved by Carol/Seconded by Alan

F that \$25,000.00 from the Memorial Fund be designated for the Sunday School refurbishment. Following a worthwhile discussion with many excellent questions the motion was **CARRIED**

**b. Year of the Sunday School:**

Nothing to report at this time.

**c. Youth Trip To Red Deer:**

A good trip with lots of fun and fellowship.

**d. Replacement of Steve's Laptop:**

Steve's laptop is dying and should be replaced.

Moved by Darcy/Seconded by Michael that Steve's laptop is replaced to a maximum cost of \$1,500.00 to be funded through capital budget. **CARRIED**

**e. Cost of Altar Flowers:**

The cost of the altar flowers may increase to \$100.00 per week. Carol was grateful for the fact that we have had excellent reliable service at the very reasonable rate of \$65.00 per week since 2002. An announcement will be made to the Parish when the new rate is finalized.

Carol brought forth the idea of purchasing some reasonably priced vases from Garage Sales and Thrift Stores for use when taking the altar flowers to the Hospital. Moved by Carol/Seconded by Linda that an amount not to exceed \$200.00 from the Flower Fund to be used to purchase vases for the flowers taken to the hospital. **CARRIED**

**f. Property Visioning Committee:**

The next meeting will be held with the Diocese following the Confirmation Service on June 9.

**g. Property Maintenance Recommendations for the Hall:**

The following recommendations based on the Engineer's report will be given to Gary Moore:

- ~ Monitoring the wall movement for a year making use of a laser device.
- ~ Roof venting for Hall and Rectory recommending that it be done by Charlton and Hill.
- ~ Chimney on the west side needs to be re-pointed.
- ~ Repairing cracks in the foundation.

h. **Vacant Lot:** We have started the process for the rezoning of the 11th Street properties to allow our vacant lot to be used to alleviate some of the parking issues in the downtown. In the meantime we are looking into signage as people are parking illegally right now and our Insurance Company is concerned over possible liability issues.

i. **Donation Received:**

A \$500.00 donation was received from the ACW Evening Group with the following message: “Thank you for all your hard work. We hope this gift will help your group continue the work you do so well. St. Augustine’s ACW Evening Group.” Carol will send a thank you note. The idea was put forth that we could give it for use in the Sunday School, possibly for curriculum. A final decision to be made at a later date.

i. 1. **Choir Stoles:** Carol introduced the idea of sewing choir stoles using African fabric in recognition of the contribution that our African brothers and sisters continue to make to St. Augustine’s. Moved by Don/Seconded by Michael that an amount not to exceed \$500.00 from the Memorial Fund be used to purchase African fabric to make stoles for the choir.

**CARRIED**

j. **Summer Coffee Hour Volunteers:**

Some more help is needed especially on the Sundays with only one volunteer. We will all be willing to help when needed.

8. **Adjournment:**

Carol adjourned the meeting @ 8:30 pm with group prayer and the Grace.