

MINUTES OF FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY MARCH 30, 2016 6:30 pm

Present: Sr. Mary Ellen, Joe Bunczak, Kay Miller, Jim Miller, Jerome VanderKooy, Wallace Cherek, and Ken Wanta Jr.

Meeting opened with a prayer for people experiencing violence and fear in their lives.

Minutes of prior meeting were distributed, read and approved as written.

The first issue on the agenda was the bat issue in the church attic. Ken Wanta Jr did come on site and make an inspection. He provided the council with many pictures of his findings as well as explanations and his recommendations. Based on the pictures and his explanation, there definitely is a problem with bat guano and resultant odor. The insulation has been penetrated with the odor. Ken also explained that there should be upgrades to the combination of ladders leading to the steeple. He also recommended that a sturdy cat walk be installed and minimal lighting be installed to allow for a better view during an inspection process. Ken advised that he had commitments for about one and half months and, therefore, if he was involved it would be preferable to do the project late summer or early fall when the restriction period has passed. After some discussion the council agreed to have Ken become involved doing whatever work that Varmint Gone would not do and also monitor their work to make certain that their work is in compliance with their bid proposal. Ken will review the initial bid proposal, make modifications and additions and by conference call, will contact Varmint Gone to obtain a revised bid. They will also be contacted to provide a certificate of insurance acceptable to the Diocese and set a timetable for the project to begin and be completed.

Van Ert had provided a proposal with some minor options to improve the lighting in the parking lot. Their proposal consisted of replacing the existing lights with new exterior LED light fixtures, providing options to replace additional light fixtures on the remainder of the church property. Discussion ensued and decisions reached to have Van Ert provide additional options including a full-fledged upgrade with new poles, additional poles and lights. Included in that option would be explanation of power source as well as non violation of the highway right of way. Jim Miller will contact Van Ert to obtain the additional options.

Cemetery Board approved payment for the new riding lawn mower be paid 50% out of cemetery funds and 50% out of general funds. Sister will contact the Diocese to find out if any of the proposed cemetery upgrades qualify for use of the funds in the parish money market account and the perpetual care account at BMO.

The picnic committee is exploring options to provide seating for spectators at the picnic. They posed questions as to whether there was any consideration of replacing chairs in church basement and if yes, then could the existing chairs be used during picnic time and new chairs be used in the church basement. Council felt that there is no need to replace chairs in basement and secondly the existing chairs are not suitable for exposure to the elements and would show rust very quickly.

The final item related to having a shelter or purchase of a tent for the concerts planned for the summer months. Various options were discussed: purchase of a tent, rental of a tent or a permanent shelter and decision was reached to do nothing for the upcoming year with a wait and see attitude to determine if the concerts appear to be a viable activity. Jim Miller is willing to bring his trailer for use by the band and has a mini canopy that could be used if needed for the upcoming events in the summer of 2016.