

St. Augustin Parish Council Meeting

October 8, 2019

St. Augustin Church Conference Room

Call to Order: Nick Bigelow called the meeting to order at 6:15pm.

Present: Nick Bigelow, Marianne Dowd, Karen Pierick, John Knight, Colin Riemersma, John Gilbert, Sherill Whisenand, Matt Eide

Absent: Fr. Pisut, Christen Cota

Guests: Kristel Kautzky, Tim Coonan

Approval of September minutes: Carried (Sherill moved, John 2nd)

Principal Report: Upcoming events at the school-

- Trunk or Treat- Church Parking Lot, Oct 24th an 8th grade fundraiser for a trip to Omaha, all are welcome
- Home and School Auction- Parish Hall, November 9th fundraiser for home and school, all are welcome
- School Security Meeting- will occur this Thursday October 10th, monies left from H&S and Founders Club will be discussed on usage
- Flynn Kautzky (Support dog) look for article in upcoming Catholic Mirror
- Kristel will be moving to approx. three newsletters per year instead of monthly like in the past

Bylaw Update: Matt Eide secured a copy of the bylaw guidelines from the dioceses and updated the council that there is a fair amount of latitude in how St. Augustin's bylaws are set up. Ours have not been updated since 2006. Matt and Nick will work together in coming months to revise St. A's bylaws

Musical Director: Nick updated the council that Kent had resigned his position as St. Augustin's musical director. A search has already begun to find a replacement. A couple candidates have already expressed interest. 10am choir has been suspended until such time a new director is in place. Discussion was had on a possible reception and honorarium.

Bulletin Additions: Marianne brought forward that the new additions are welcomed to let fellow parishioners know of sacraments, milestones ect.

New Mass Time: Nick brought forward a new item to the council. Father has inquired about the council's feelings on changing Saturday mass to a 4:00 start time. Elderly travel, earlier darkness and priest convenience were given as reasons to explore the change. Council felt there were enough concerns to warrant further discussion and thought on the matter

School Board: School board had reduced the number of sub-committees to 5 from at least 7 or more. Going forward they will be Governance, Finance, Safety, Building and Grounds and Marketing and PR.

Finance: No report

Building and Grounds: Issues being looked at or currently being addressed by the committee were the drainage issues, blacktopping of the parking lot (currently underway) Getting bids on the school roof (200k approx. estimate on project) A company has been found that can manufacture tiles to replace our broken ones

Parish Life: Smoker Poker had a nice turnout, perhaps not what was hoped but a success. Cost was brought forth as a likely inhibitor for many.

Stewardship: Karen raised a great thought of starting a parish services directory. A place where professionals could list their skills and trades for fellow parishioners as well as a place for the church to look for services when needed.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:15. Next meeting is November 12th at 6:30pm