

St. Augustin Parish Council Minutes
Sept. 22, 2020
7:50 p.m.
Parish Hall
St. Augustin Church
Regular Meeting

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Nick Bigelow, Chair, at 7:50 p.m.

Present: Father Christopher Pisut, Nick Bigelow, Matt Eide, Marianne Dowd, Karen Pierick, Colin Riemersma, Sherill Whisenand (online) and John Gilbert (online).

Also in Attendance: Randy Mudge, Kristel Spike and Tim Coonan.

Approval of Minutes: The Minutes from the August 11, 2020 meeting were approved. Motion by Eide, second by Dowd.

Agenda: The Chair sought unanimous consent to go out-of-order on the Agenda. There being no objection, the Agenda order was adjusted.

Principal's Report: Kristel Spike, St. Augustin School Principal, updated the Council on school activities. Items discussed included the school's response to COVID-19 and daily protocols, distance learning, and enrollment numbers. Spike thanked St. Augustin School Maintenance Director, Keith Sherman, for his efforts in retooling the school for COVID-19.

Board of Education Report: This Agenda item was covered in the Board of Education report.

Building and Grounds: The chair sought unanimous consent to move this Agenda item to next month's meeting. Being no objection, the topic will be covered in October.

Finance Report: Randy Mudge, Business Manager, updated the Council on the budget. Mudge also discussed maintenance issues at Villa Monica, the air conditioning system in the school gym, and the possible sale of church-owned property immediately east of the church parking lot.

Parish Life: Fr. Pisut informed the council that there were Diocesan restrictions related to parish social functions and all were on hold until further notice.

Fr. Livingstone: The Council discussed Fr. Livingstone's role as Senior Priest at St. Augustin.

Officer Elections/Council Terms: The Chair advised the Council that there would be a discussion related to officer elections, length of terms of members of the Council, and council vacancies during the next meeting.

Sanctuary/Altar Discussion: Prior to the regular council meeting, a parish leader meeting was held to discuss changes that were made to the sanctuary and altar during previous 6 months. By unanimous consent, the council reiterated its strong support for returning the altar to its previous condition prior to the arrival of Fr. Vince Rosonke.

It was agreed that a letter will be prepared to send to Bishop Joensen outlining the position of the Council and other parish leaders regarding the sanctuary and altar. The letter will be signed by those parish leaders that would like to sign.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m. Motion to adjourn by Pierick. Second by Riemersma.

Prepared by Matt Eide