

Meeting Minutes

July 13, 2017

Present: Father Prakash, John Bacon, Tracy Hartley, Dan Lay, Romeo Opichka, Steve Scalzo, and Joe Tytanic and Ali Brzozowski. Absent: Philip Stramski

Joe Tytanic asked for visitors to refrain from commenting as visitors will have an opportunity to comment on items discussed at end of meeting. Joe read off the agenda items for members and visitors.

Call to Order: Joe Tytanic called meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and asked for silence of cell phones.

Opening Prayer: John Bacon

New Member Welcome: Welcome to the Parish Council – Romeo Opichka. Replaced Glenn Mayko on the Council and thank you to Don Carpenter who also ran. Joe informed Romeo that the Council wants to hear from him – what he has to say, ideas, questions, etc.

Election of Parish Council Officers: John recommended that we keep the same officers: Joe Tytanic – President; Dan Lay – Vice President; Tracy Hartley – Secretary. John made a motion and Steve Scalzo seconded. All Council members agreed and motion carried.

Approval/Changes of meeting minutes: John had a change regarding the light bulbs and Steve had a couple of changes which Tracy said she would make and send out to the Council members. Steve made motion to accept with changes. Romeo second. All agreed. Motion carried by all.

Old Business:

Church Projects/Repair Update: John Bacon. Recovered confessional kneelers. Sprayed for bugs inside and outside buildings. Wood bees at the entrance of the RE Building. Steve said that some kids were stung after Mass on Sunday. John looked around. John said that the bees come out at different times. Romeo said that some are pretty aggressive. Steve said that they are in the overhangs. John said he sprayed with wasp/hornet killer and then had the sprayers come and sprayed again. City has been pulling weeds by the road/walking track.

Signs: Joe Tytanic/John Bacon. John said that they are working on the signs. Tracy asked if they purchased them from the lady in McCloud. Joe confirmed and said he and John went to her place. It will be about \$500-\$600. A little more because we had to order another sheet with white on both sides. She is working on it. May be another week or two before she is done.

Lighted Church Sign: Joe Tytanic. For front of the church, similar to St. Philip Neri. Joe called St. Philip Neri. Steve said that it is a good sign. Joe said the lady that oversees the sign was on vacation. She can

still program it from her phone on vacation. She gave Joe name of the company. It was around \$22k. St. Philip searched around because they specifically wanted to be able to program it digitally from a phone. That was one of their requirements. Joe looking at other places. John asked if that amount was for the whole thing. He said we do not need a 15 ft. sign. Steve also asked if it was for the whole sign or just the digital part. Joe said he thought was for the whole sign. Tracy said that she liked the idea of programming it from a different location. Father can program it from anywhere. Joe continued to say especially for inclement weather, meeting changes, etc. Joe will continue to research.

Benches: Steve Scalzo. Benches ordered. Second bid was the one that he was supposed to be able pick up from McAlester that was cheaper. If he purchased the single post in the center, (we wanted the four post ones) it was \$1, 090 for two if he would pick up from McAlester. He was concerned about getting a single post and even though we concrete in, may loosen unless we put a pad there. Also concerned with kids jumping on it. If he ordered the one we want, each bench was \$873 and he would still need to pick up. So, he ordered the one we were originally looking at from the original company. Does not have a delivery date yet. They can bill the church. Person donating can get with office to get a tax letter.

New Year's Eve: Tracy Hartley. Some things have changed since our last decision. Glenn Mayko is moving to Pennsylvania and would not be available in December for New Year's Eve to donate his equipment now. She also talked to the person that we thought might would run the equipment. He said that it was too far in advance for him and he could not commit to that. Which puts us back to square one. She wanted to approach the Council again to find out how we want to move forward – if we want to pursue a band or look for a D.J. because we voted to use Glenn's equipment. Steve asked about the person we were going to have do it. Tracy said that it was Brent Byers and he helped run Glenn's equipment at his last Elvis show. But that he is a younger guy and was not sure if he would be available at that time. It is not something he does full-time. We thought that since he was familiar with the equipment, we would talk to Brent since Glenn had offered his equipment. And since we received the email from Glenn, that has since changed. We need to now decide if we still want to have a New Year's Eve party and if so, have a band, a D.J., etc. She did ask Glenn to send her his information on contacts that he had when he researched last year. Have not yet received that yet from him. Tracy asked for comments/ideas from the Council. Tracy said that a band, of course, will be more than a D.J. Tracy said that we still should have some time to book a band. Glenn should have some amounts from when he asked before. She can get pricing and bring it back for next time. Steve said that he thought we asked before what people prefer – band or D.J. D.J. would have to be really interactive with the audience. Then, we leaned off towards the D.J. instead of a live band because different parish population now and try to attract more people instead of just "older" people at the dance. Before, we were OK to do the polka a lot more than what they want now. So, we said D.J. – one that can play lots of different music. Again, it is getting that interaction. Steve said he likes a live band but because of the expense; go with a good D.J. Dan said that we should not stop pursuing because we cannot use Glenn's equipment. There are a lot of options out there. Not sure if we have contact information or if she would be interested, but Edie Visnieski does that. She is in Weatherford. She would be lively. Joe said that he can talk to his sister to see if her band would be interested in that. Joe said that it is all Country and

Western. She has a fiddle, bass, etc. Steve said that he would enjoy that. Joe said that he was not

sure if the audience we want to also attract would be interested. Tracy asked that Joe pursue talking to his sister and she would look at D.J.s and/or their bands that Glenn had contacted to see if their price has changed and both can bring back to the Council. If it is something we have to do soon, will send out information to the Council. We do not want to push it to where we are limiting ourselves due to time. Steve said that he would talk to Krista if she has any ideas on D.J.s. It has been awhile since she got married but she still keeps tabs on this stuff because she does a lot for weddings. The D.J. they had 14 years ago was great and would get audience involved and play different kind of music. Joe will put on agenda for next month.

Knight's Property: Joe (for Philip Stramski). Philip sent Joe an email since he was unable to attend the Parish Council meeting. Kevin and Philip will be meeting with the title company the end of July regarding the property and then will need to address the findings with the Knight's Council at the August meeting and will present at the September Parish Council meeting since the Knight's meeting will be after the August Parish Council meeting.

Trees: Joe (for Philip). Philip had not had an opportunity to talk with his cousin about the trees but votes to go with the trees Tracy recommended. Would just need to get cost and thinks it would look nice alternating the trees on the property. Tracy continued that normally, we plant in the fall. Was not going to get pricing yet as pricing will change in the fall. We did not want to purchase yet, but if we need pricing, she can get. She was waiting closer to the time of installing since pricing is seasonal. Tracy said October. Can get pricing in September. Looking at getting the male Chinese Pistache and tall Crepe Myrtles.

Grill: Joe (for Philip). Catholic Daughter's and Knight's are looking to purchase the grill. We had as one of our budget items. Philip will update in the future what is decided.

Re Building: Joe Tytanic. Tracy brought up about replacing carpet. Joe went to a couple of places. He talked with Stan's contactors – one on flooring and one on painting. Painting estimate was \$6k. Hiring someone to paint. There is a new tile out now. It is one that you do not have to wax. You can sweep or damp mop. Was going to get samples. They have in wood or tile looking. Braum's has it in the center where their groceries are. Steve asked if it is in the new Braum's? Like Choctaw? Do not want to see newer ones because need to see where it has been down for a number of years. Joe said that schools are using it too and the contractor was going to give a couple of locations so we can look at it. Looks good in schools but it will scrape if you drag something on it. It is a no wax – no maintenance. Steve said that if you scratch a no wax, it is hard to get it looking good again. With wax, you can just put on more wax. Dan said if it is like a peel and stick, then you can just pop it up and replace. Tracy said that she does not think it is the peel and stick. It is glued down. You cannot use a heated mop just the damp mop. It will scratch, but you can kind of buff out. With schools and Braum's heavy traffic area, you would think they would pretty durable. Does not show wear that much other than scratches. This would be about \$3.50 a foot where VTC is about \$3. You pay a little more up front, but save in the long run. We had talked about redoing the RE building, but the contractor

recommended to wait and redo at that time. Joe said that he also got a bid on cleaning carpet if we were to wait. \$1,120 to clean all 10

rooms and guarantee to be sanitized. Steve said that he thought we talked about replacing due to allergies, etc. Joe said that we did not vote on it yet and that he was just getting bids right now. Steve said that we did talk about being serious about it. Tracy asked again if the contractor recommended not to do it yet until we are doing the building? Joe said that he said that when you are redoing the building, with ladders, contractors, wheelbarrows, etc., unless they put down something, you will damage the floor. Steve said that when you contract with someone, they will put something down. Tracy said that we do not have to do the whole RE Building like the hallways. But she does recommend we look at replacing the flooring in the classrooms instead of cleaning the carpet. No matter how often you can clean it, it isn't really clean. Don't think that the carpet has ever been cleaned to that extent. Steve said that it will collect dirt quicker because of the soapy stuff they use. Do we have an estimate on number of square feet without the hallway? Joe can get it and bring back the next month. Contractor recommended doing the wood style. There are different styles. Dan said that we need to do it now because school is starting up again pretty quick. Tracy said RE will start in September. Steve asked if we know the square footage of whole building. Joe can have him come out again and give bid. Steve said to get bids for just classrooms and for the whole building for a nice comparison. Joe said that we will need to do self-help or figure removal of carpet. Dan asked how far out Building Committee planned on doing the renovation. Joe said about 2023. That's when he approached the guy about cleaning carpets because they do Fathers. He guaranteed it would be sanitary. If we had it clean every summer for six years to 2023, would be about \$6k. Steve said that to put the flooring down, would be about \$20-30k. Even with the building at 6,000 sq. ft., it will cost that much and for 10,000 sq. ft., would be about \$35k. Joe will get bid on classrooms, hallway and offices and bring to next meeting. Steve said that the contractor may be able to do all for a little less for altogether. Dan said that just a guess, if the room is 25x25 is 2180 per room and there are 10 rooms. Joe said the guy figured 400 sq. ft. per room on the carpet but did not include closet area. Steve said that it would be about \$21k on the low end and about \$31 on the high. Joe said there is different product and different prices. Joe said that if we do all of it, have a chance of it getting damaged. Tracy added that they are supposed to be redoing the front area for offices and that back area where additional may be added which is why she said the hallways may be impacted in the building project but the classrooms are going to stay pretty intact. They may redo some of the ceiling tiles, etc., but the rooms will not be impacted like the hallways which is why recommended just the classrooms.

Fr. Stanley Rother Beautification: Joe Tytantic. Joe had someone contact him about the beautification ceremony of the Father Stanley Rother in September and if the Church would furnish a bus/van to take people to that. Joe said he would bring it up to the Council. He also thought that since it was going to be televised, and with our Wi-Fi, we could show it live in the Family Center for parishioners that wanted to see it so they would not have to go to the Myriad Gardens. We could also have refreshments, etc. or do both the bus and the Family Center. Steve said that it is pretty historic. Joe said that some people may want to be there and some want to see it so we can do both. Some will want to see it, not fight the crowds, have to deal with stairs. It is historic. Part of history. Steve said the Archbishop has sent out cards because they want to fill the place. John said that St. Vincent rented a bus a few years ago for

about 30-40 people for an event. They would drop you off at the door. Romeo agreed to furnish a ride and set up the Family Center. He said that a lot of people do not like driving downtown or even parking

down there. John said we can do either but recommends asking St. Vincent parish too. Tracy agreed to both ways. We would need to have an idea of how many interested people ahead of time so that we would know how big of a bus or how many. Joe said that we could have a sign-up sheet for both. Father said that we would need the number for the bus. Would not need one for the hall. Tracy asked if the projector is working in the hall and Joe said yes. Steve asked if we would really have very many watch it in the Family Center or would people watch from home. Joe said that the only reason he thought because some people may not have satellite tv or cable and would not want to drive/ride bus down; it would be good to advertise both to give people choice. We can include in announcements starting this week. Steve said there is the fellowship to having it in the hall. Dan said no reason not to set things up here and that only thing is having someone babysit the machine even if no one showed up. No reason to not to do both. Joe said that he could babysit the machine. Would get with Kathy and put in announcement and sign-up sheets. Also, have her announce it at St. Vincents.

Youth Comments: Ali Brzozowski. Dan asked Ali about her thoughts regarding the New Year's Eve dance. Ali commented that she thought that the D.J. would be good if it is cheaper. It depends on the music and audience you have. Tracy asked her if she thought the youth would be interested in attending. Ali was not sure. Tracy asked if she could take that back to the youth group and ask their input. Joe asked if she would bring ideas and input back to the Council. Tracy said that if the youth is not really interested in attending, that might change the direction of what the Council decides as they may gear it to more of the older generation. If more youth in attendance, may go with a D.J. Ali said that it may be a good thing. Tracy said not sure if youth would want to spend New Year's with their parents but asked Ali to get feedback. Ali said that if we needed the youth to work it, they could have youth help especially those looking for Confirmation hours.

Building Committee Ballot: Joe Tytantic. The Building Committee asked Joe to hand out to the Parish Council to review. Phone numbers down at the bottom and you can contact any of the Building Committee. Looking at presenting to the Parish sometime in September. If you have any questions or concerns, can contact any of the members listed at the bottom.

Fathers Comments: Father Prakash. Father would like to change the Mass times during the weekdays to 9:00 a.m., as well as Mass times in McLoud. He would like to move to 9:00 a.m. so it is the same at both places. Right now, the times are different. Steve asked if he wanted it earlier at 8:00 a.m. for those people who work. Janet Martin confirmed again to have at 9:00 and Wednesday at 6:15? Father said yes. Steve asked why is it at 6:15 p.m. on Wednesday. Pat Jorski said it was because of CCD. Father said that he just wants to keep it the same in both places – Harrah and McLoud. Steve said that it is good for those cities where people can go to Mass before work to have earlier. But out here, it would not be beneficial because people have to leave early to make it to work. Steve would he personally would like earlier but does not think that it would increase attendance to have earlier - just same time every day so someone would not have to guess what day it is. Father said someone recommended 9:00 a.m. to give

them opportunity to sleep in a bit. Dan said that 8:00 or 9:00 would not matter as those people are not working or work later in the afternoon. Janet Martin said that she would do either. Does not matter. Really up to Father. Steve said St. Benedicts does noon, for people at lunch time. Father

said that we can go to 9:00 a.m. First Friday Mass is at 6:00 p.m. and Wednesday is at 6:15 p.m. Tracy asked if he could move to 6:00 p.m. It was set up for children and parents to come. Father said that he does not see children come. Tracy said that maybe we need to advertise more with the RE kids. Joe said that it used to be in the morning and moved to the evening to recruit attendance by more children. Father said how about 6:00 p.m. So, it will be Tuesday Mass 9:00 a.m.; Wednesday Mass at 6:00 p.m.; Thursday and Friday 8:00 a.m. except first Friday Mass will be at 6:00 p.m. Janet asked about Holy days. Father said Mass will be at 6:00 p.m. Question raised about difficulty in getting back from work. Some people that work in city will go up there. Pat said that it used to be at 7:00 p.m. Steve said that there is where you will find people going to the noon Mass elsewhere. Once we changed from 7:00 p.m., it is harder for people to get there. Father said that 7:00 p.m. for Holy Days. Steve said that will get parents a chance to feed their kids or get back from work in time to attend.

St. Teresa of Avila Feast Day. Father Prakash. Feast Day is October 15th. Father will not be available to have Mass as he will be attending a pilgrimage. Can celebrate Feast date without him. Father Chuck Murphy has already agreed to do Masses for him. Wanted to know if we wanted to cancel or postpone to two weeks later. Father Lucas started it when we blessed our add-on. It has been going on as the Feast of St. Teresa since. We get a pretty decent crowd when we have a meal. Steve said food will always bring people. Extend, have without Father or skip. Romeo – extend; John – when Father gets back; Tracy said that we can extend to when Father gets back. Father said that it will be October 29th. Dan said that is fine to extend. Steve said that he recommends skipping since Father will not be here. Joe agreed to skip because it is close to Thanksgiving. Tracy said that her only concern is that is also around the Halloween weekend. Everyone went back to agree to skip this year. Will still have Sunday Masses. Father is not back until the 22nd so the next available weekend to celebrate would be the 29th. Would not want to do in November. John said to extend it to next year.

Visitor Comments:

Pat Jorski asked if the \$6k bid included the paint. Joe said yes – paint, painting, tape. Steve asked if they said how long it would take? Joe said he did not have that. Steve said that it would be kind of nice to have professionally done because if you had different people doing it, then would have different types of paint in each room. Joe said that it would be professionally done and would make a difference. The Family Center was done with self-help. Janet said that we should go ahead and put down the tile instead of paying to have the carpet cleaned. Cleaning would be a waste of money. Get what you want and not worry about having to clean it every year. Ali questioned if we are ripping up the carpet and replacing with tile in the RE rooms. Joe confirmed. Pat mentioned that the lighted sign would be nice to announce those Mass time changes or even a funeral. Joe said it would help our Catholic appearance greatly having something like that out there. Father asked where we were putting. Joe said out front. Steve said you still have to have people drive by. Would look good out front, but the majority of the

traffic is down off Church St. Tracy said maybe you can do a nice one up here and another one that is digital down by the road.

Council Comments:

John asked when the new Mass times were going to start. Father said that they will announce for a week and then the following week. Start on the July 23rd.

Next Meeting: August 10th, 7:00 p.m.

Assignment of Prayer: Philip Stramski

Closure: Executive meeting held after Parish Council meeting. Visitors adjourned.