

Assumption Church Parish Council
Minutes
6/18/15

Meeting called and Father began with a prayer.

Finance: Joe Murphy reported on the budget prepared at the Finance Committee meeting held previous to the council meeting. Income is positive, assessments are up. Higher assessments are due mainly to monies set aside for primary school funds. In terms of expenses, they are up due to more activity on campus, i.e. full time office manager and improved maintenance, upkeep and landscaping activities. Overall, money's are up approximately \$100,000.00. In summary, there are no major changes in the budget.

Additionally, Mr. Murphy reported that assessments will be lowered by 5% due to the diocesan policy of placing \$30,000 in a fund for special projects.

The finances were approved to hire a music person to develop a choir and co-ordinate music ministries of the community.

Ministries: Parish Council. Term limits were discussed. It was decided that personnel will participate on a rotating bases of 1, 2 and 3 yr. positions. Over the next few weeks, each person on the council will let Father know if they want to continue or not. Continuation will decide position on the council for the future. Father will appoint a chair person and council members will be chosen from the community. Council reps would be leaders of ministries. Since there is a lack of ministries, members-at-large would have to be utilized to fill out a council.

Building and Grounds: Germantown Abbey: In terms of the Abbey construction discussed earlier in the year, the historical society had written off on the advancement of the project with the addition of using the original steps from the right side of the building for the left side. The removed steps on the right side would leave a spot for a proposed elevator to address access to the upstairs of the Abbey.

Fr. Bernard Hall. Kitchen floor was bid at \$4875.00 for a tile floor. The Women's Club agreed to contribute to the cost. It was suggested that more research be done to provide proper under structure to support the floor from cracking due to the building shifting.

Ms. Roost will research this.

Rectory. Kitchen upgrades were bid at \$4,425.00 for a new floor and painting. The same issue of under structure will be researched by Ms. Rost.

New Janitorial Co. has been hired. Stratus Co. will begin July 6th, 2015. Their price is better than the present company and more work would be addressed. Ms. Rost encouraged those present to report all problems to her so that cleaning could be addressed (as well as any other problems found with the campus).

Bells. Phase I is completed. The bells have been secured with a savings of \$1000.00. (\$4000.00 instead of \$5000.00). Phase II is to be addressed in terms of cost which would make the bells usable (installing clappers, etc....)

Old Business: The Mass times were addressed. Father reported that the E.F. Mass would be at 8:30 and the Ordinary Form would be at 10:30. This decision was made by Bishop Choby. Any grievances should be addressed to him. The council will not meet in July. The next meeting will be in August.