

St. Stanislaus Church-Parish Council

Minutes January 18, 2022

Dana Frese called the meeting to order. Monsignor David Cox led the council with an opening prayer.

Council Members Present: Dana Frese, Monsignor Cox, Sister Cindy, Mary Markway, Lisa Patten, Lisa Ashcraft, Kim Quirouet, Pat Mingucci and Pam Stonner.

Members Absent: Art Boeckmann

Minutes: The minutes from October 19, 2021 were reviewed. Dana made a motion to approve the minutes, Mary seconded the motion and all were in favor to approve. Monsignor Cox said that he would like to start publishing the approved minutes in the bulletin so the parish is informed of what is discussed and acted upon at the parish council meetings.

Monsignor Cox: There will be two members going off the parish council in 2022 and Monsignor Cox asked when the new members come onto the council. In the future, the parish will return to an election for the parish council members.

Monsignor Cox distributed a copy of the letter from Bishop McKnight that was read at all masses the previous weekend. Monsignor Cox is not at liberty to expand on details regarding possible mismanagement of parish funds, due to the ongoing investigation and an audit which is to commence in early February. This is a confidential matter until the investigation and audit are complete. Once all facts and findings are gathered through the audit and investigation, conclusions will be shared with the parish council.

Monsignor Cox discussed the diocese mass intention policy, where only one intention is allowed per mass. Each mass intention is \$10.00. A mass intention for the People of the Parish is to be said at one mass every Sunday. At the mass for the People of the Parish one other intention can be remembered.

The Village of Wardsville informed the parish in November 2021 that the property recently acquired at 6503 Route W needs to be re-zoned from a residential zone to a commercial zone. Dana filed the application with the Village of Wardsville on November 30. The intention is to add 3 parking spaces to the front of the Parish Center. When the shed comes down, additional spaces may be added there which should take up no more room than the ground covered by the existing shed. The parish hopes to get this resolved soon in order to use the Parish Center. A hearing has been scheduled before the Planning and Zoning Commission and the trustees on February 2 at 6:30 p.m. Parish council members were encouraged to attend with Dana.

Dana discussed the situation of the partial lock down of St. Stanislaus School when the Sheriff's office came to the Kroll apartment building to address the criminal activity with the accused. The Village of Wardsville only has the power to enforce ordinances and does not have the right to approve or disapprove particular renters. It is strictly up to the owner to perform the necessary background checks to prevent individuals with a serious criminal history from occupying the apartments. The owner told Dana that they learned a lot from this experience, and he will be more thorough in the background checks in the future. The accused is gone from

the apartments. We all must be vigilant in observing activity at the apartments and report concerns to the owner and the Cole County Sheriff's Department.

School Report: Mary reported that several school staff members have been sick along with the substitute teachers. St. Stanislaus is in competition with all the other schools for substitute teachers. Qualifications for a substitute teacher is 60 credit hours. Pray everyone stays healthy to keep the school open.

Pat reported that the security system is in place, and they will teach personnel how the system works.

Keep Monsignor Cox and Father Medina in our prayers as the investigation and audit proceed.

Mary made a motion to adjourn the meeting, all were in favor and motion carried.

The next meeting will be March 8th, in the Parish Center starting at 6:30 p.m.

Monsignor asked that we keep the students who have COVID in our prayers then led us in the closing prayer. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by: Pam Stonner