

Pastoral & Finance Council Meeting

St. Mary's Church High Hill

January 31, 2024

Present were Father Jasper Liggio, Dennis Kristynik, Buddy Dittrich, Forrest Lauher, Willie Schoener, Buddy Hemann, Willy Schmidt, Sandra Shaw, Joyce Dittrich and Matt Kubala.

Guests present included Deacon Jay and Shelly Janda

Father Jasper opened the meeting with a prayer.

The Minutes for the November meeting were read and approved. Buddy H. motioned and Forrest seconded.

The Financial Report for November and December was discussed and approved. Buddy D. motioned and Willie seconded.

Old Business

Cemetery Update – Dennis reported that work is slow this time of the year. A Cemetery Committee meeting will happen soon.

Maintenance Update – Buddy H. reported that the safe in the rectory will be unlocked and combination lock will be fixed. A handrail will be added to the front steps of the church. A water softener will be added to serve the restrooms and rectory. Broken slates/tiles are available for parishioners to pick up.

Forrest reported that bees are in the attic above the altar. Scaffolding was erected to seal the crack at the arch where the bees were entering the church interior. Bees will be exterminated in March and hole on outside if church will be sealed.

Reroofing the steeple – A bid was received for the scaffolding and roof replacement. Forrest and Father will present the bid to the Diocese Building Committee for approval.

Picnic Update – Buddy and Joyce reported that Tom Bargas would like to move the fireworks display farther up the hill on Buddy and Joyce Dittrich's property. This will give them more room to set up and have a better show.

Electric Organ was replaced.

Will hold off on Golf Cart Raffle.

New Business

Willie asked about upgrading or modifying the church PA system.

Deacon Jay suggested getting a wheelchair for the church in case of emergencies. He also brought up the need for emergency personnel to be available at the picnic. Qualified parishioners will be contacted and asked to volunteer.

Next Meeting will be on Wednesday, April 3rd @ 6:00 PM. Following Mass.

Meeting closed with prayer.

Meeting adjourned.