

Parish of Onaping Falls and Cartier

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

September 19, 2023 (6:30 pm)

Minutes

St. Bartholomew's Church

Opening Prayer:

Led by Father Joseph

Word of Welcome:

Father Joseph expressed gratitude to Marcel Portelance for serving as Chair since July 29, 2020. His continued hard work in the community was duly noted. Elise Charron proceeded to chair the meeting.

Attendance:

Fr. Joseph
Elise Charron
Childa MacDonald
Dan Leclair
Marcel Portelance
Pierrette Ladouceur
Sandy Young
Michael Whitton
Diane Laurin
Joanne Landry
Janice Farrow
Terry Rapsky

Reading of Minutes from the March 14, 2023, Meeting:

Read by Pierrette Ladouceur

Motion to Accept the Minutes as Read:

Moved by Sandy Young

Seconded by Dan Leclair

Carried

Matters Arising from the Last Meeting:

Sale of tickets are going well

New Business:

1. REPAIRS AT ST. STEPHEN

a. Basement:

Repairs going well and fully covered by insurance.

Catholic Mutual to be contacted to confirm if insurance will continue to cover any future sewer backups.

Need to purchase and install a sump pump and a PVC pipe to direct water away from the building.

b. Roof:

There is water damage in the church caused by a leaky roof.

Assessment made by Front Line Roofing:

Roof is still in good condition.

Screws need to be replaced.

Heat lines need to be installed on each end of the roof.

Vent pipe needs to be capped.

Total estimate for the job is still forthcoming.

Other roofers will be contacted.

The roof of St. Bartholomew should also be inspected.

2. REPORT FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:

We have \$39,000 in the bank.

\$21,000 is expected to be cleared from the ticket sales.

Need to reduce costs and control expenses.

Thermostats in the churches will be set a few degrees lower when the buildings are not in use.

3. PLANNING OF BISHOP DOWD'S VISIT TO THE PARISH (DECEMBER 2–10, 2023):

A schedule was set to allow the bishop to meet with the people from all three parishes.

Sunday, December 3, at 1 p.m.: Meet and greet the Bishop in the parish hall in Levack. Parishioners from all three parishes are invited.

Monday, December 4: Retreat with the confirmands.

Tuesday, December 5, at 7 p.m.: Mission with the parishioners in Levack.

Wednesday, December 6, at 7 p.m.: Mission with the parishioners in Dowling.

Thursday, December 7, after 9 a.m. Mass: Mission in Cartier.

December 7 and 8: Confirmation in Dowling and Levack, respectively.

4. CLEANING IN ST. BARTHOLOMEW:

Floors need to be stripped and waxed. Quote from Reliable is \$1,920 plus HST.

Carpets need to be cleaned. \$720 plus HST.

Other cleaning companies will be contacted.

5. WHITE TAG TREE:

This is Joanne Landry's last year managing the White Tag Tree. A notice will be posted in the bulletin to find a replacement.

Proposed Date for the Next Meeting:

The date will be set later.

Closing Remarks: by Fr. Joseph

Closing Prayer: by Father Joseph

Motion to Dismiss:

Proposed by Dan Leclair

Seconded by Childa MacDonald

Carried