

**Holy Cross Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, May 9, 2017**

Members present: Gail Niebrugge, Fr. Mark Stec, Sherry Geier, Carl Will, Michael Kistner, Missy Buerster, Henry Kessler, Clint Bergbower

The meeting was called to order by Michael Kistner, Chair, by reading of the Parish Mission Statement.

**Building and Grounds Report (Maintenance Commission):** Henry Kessler and Michael Kistner

- Wooden chairs-will sell the chairs from the old Hall at Picnic 2017. Will advertise in bulletin a couple of weeks ahead of time and sell to parishioners on Thursday or Friday before picnic.
- Additional gravel has been requested by the picnic committee by pavilion in the area where the kids' games are located. Michael will call and get it ordered.
- Gutters on parish hall need work at an estimated cost of \$975. (Bob Wheat) Michael will confirm with Bob to do the work and will also have him look at the loose gutter on the Church. Parish Council members will look into attaching snow guards, on the hall roof, also.
- East walkin door leak is pronounced after the recent big rains. There is a crack in the brick. Also, a leak where the bricks meet the bell tower. Carl will call Ryan Will to come and look at the brick. Henry has contacted a person at Illini Restoration, as well. Roof has a lifetime warranty. There are also drips into the bell tower that need to be addressed. Building and Grounds committee will do the work they are able to do and contract the rest.
- Weeds need to be sprayed. The verbal agreement is that the mowing company will spray as needed. Melissa Buerster and Henry Kessler volunteered to spray throughout the summer, as well.
- Grotto-Parishioners have volunteered to tear down/out the old grotto. The new grotto will be built a bit to the south. Ryan Will will do the work. Brad Rudolphi is drawing up a plan. Sherry Geier will find stone that will coordinate with the colors on the hall.
- Missy Buerster has contacted Bill Corry to re-landscape the east side of the Church.

**Finance Council (Stewardship Commission):** Carl Will and Sherry Geier

- Financial report reviewed. Current as of April 30, 2017
  - Charity: \$6,792.67
  - Mass: \$1,802.40
  - Building: \$95,335.40
  - Cemetery: \$8,077.74
  - General: \$40,362.42

- Investments:
  - Cemetery-\$15,548.91 (CD); \$50,426.24 (Edward Jones Investment);
  - Building- \$53,437.60 (CD)
  - General Fund-\$35,225.64 (Cd's); \$58,260.00 (Catholic Community Foundation-Diocese of Belleville Investment, 3/31/17)

**Parish Renewal and Restructuring**-Clint Bergbower and Michael Kistner

- New Mass times began May 7, 2017. 4:30 p.m.-St. Joseph's Olney; 6:30 p.m.-St. Joseph's Stringtown; 8:00 a.m.-St. Joseph's Olney; 10:00 a.m.-Holy Cross Wendelin. This schedule will be reviewed and compared to the current schedule in June/July and a finalized schedule will be determined.
- Next joint meeting Monday, June 26, 2017.

**Cemetery:** Carl Will

- Have had a request for some of the dirt/clay from the dirt piles
- Will have a clean up day in the future if needed.

**Education (Faith Formation Commission):** Missy Buerster

- Final PSR is Wednesday, May 10, 2017
- Bible School is June 12-16. 6-8 p.m.
- July Concert with Michael Mette
- CYM is preparing for Mission trip, June 4-10th.

**Family Life: (Community Life Commission)** Missy Buerster

- June 6-having a joint organizational meeting to schedule activities for the upcoming year including: Ladies, Family Life, CYM

**Liturgy (Liturgy and Worship Commission)-** Gail Niebrugge

- First Communion
- Confirmation

**Pastor's Report**

- Nominations for Pastoral Council-Henry Kessler and Missy Buerster are due to go off the Council. Both can serve another term if they are elected. Elections will be June 18, 2017. Will open nominations this weekend.

**Other:**

- **None**

The next Holy Cross Parish Council meeting will be Monday, June 26, at 7:00 p.m. in Olney.

The meeting was adjourned with the Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood.