

Parish Council Minutes

October 11, 2022

Present: Father Rick, Bob Siegel, Rob Taber, Char Snoap, Gina Moll, Mary Beth O'Rourke, Steve Barton, Jennifer Crampton

Absent: Deb Macy

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm by Bob Siegel who opened with a prayer, followed by 3 prayers by Rob Taber.

Introductions were made to our newest member, Jennifer Crampton, who in turn told us a little about herself.

Bob gave us copies of notes from Parishioners and Fr Rick gave us copies of responses to questions asked of Parishioners.

Fr Rick spent time updating us on what has happened so far with the procedure to replace our Redemptorists. He explained that Fr Steve, head Provincial is very upset that Fr Rick broke his vow of obedience by not using the exact letter drafted by Fr Steve to read to the Parish, but instead gave the Parish the facts and some hope in his own words.

Fr Rick explained that Oct is the election and Fr Tom is nominated, but he may be disqualified.

Fr Rick explained that although the head provincial has been in office for 8 years, he waited until just a few months ago to make all the changes and wants it done before he leaves office.

The Redemptorists of St. Al's are meeting tomorrow, Oct 12 to discuss the situation.

We are currently the only Redemptorist Parish in the State of Michigan, with the closest being in Chicago.

We were told that the current govt. has to look at our present accomplishments, not the past.

We are planning on sending a letter to the newly elected govt. to try to show why St. Al's should not lose their Priests.

The election will be the end of October in Tucson. And we should have the decision by Oct 27, hopefully.

There is a lot going on right now and we pray the correct decisions will be made.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Nov. 15.

Respectfully submitted,

Char Snoap
sub. For Deb Macy