

MINUTES OF THE EMERGENCY PPC MEETING ABOUT THE AIRCONDITIONING IN ST. JAMES WORSHIP SITE ON AUGUST 6, 2018 IN WESTFIELD, NY

ATTENDANCE: Jim Crolle, Joe Giambra, Dianna Giambra, Betty Deland, Camile Belcher, Phil Baideme, Fr. Romy, Dan Quaglianna, Bob Ducato and Debby Ruland

ABSENT: Fran Lus

Opening Prayer was said by Fr. Romy.

Bob passed out the quotes that he received from three companies interested in installing air conditioners in the Church.

Dan presided the the meeting by informing the committee that this meeting was called to discuss the proposals for air conditioning at the Westfield site. Dan reported that Bob had three quotes, Gugino, Veccio Brothers and Home Depot. Dan turned the meeting over to Bob.

Bob started saying that all the businesses started by coming to the church and inspecting it to see what was the best possible way of doing this. Some were here with Fr. Romy, some with Bill and some with myself. Each one is looking at a different kind of system. Gugino is looking at a train system with remote control. The warranty is one year and five years on parts and compressor. Veccio's is using the Mitsubishi system. They wanted to put one unit on ground level on the Baptist side of the church. They wanted to put a switch for each unit instead of remote control. The warranty is one year parts and labor. The third quote is from Home Depot and they have a Mitsubishi system again, five units. This one uses three master condensing units. They are installed by brackets and want to put them up high. Electrical would have to done first. There is a 12 yr. parts and warranty and thee years on labor. Plus, electrical installation is included. The other parties want half down and the other half upon completion and

Home Depot said we could finance it over two years 0% interest. Camile stated that this is still a lot of money to come up with. Home Depot stated that they could start within 10 days after receipt of contract. Dan thanked Bob for all the work he put forth on this project. Phil asked how big of a panel would need. Bob said another 100 and it would be put net to the current one. Bob stated that this is a very quiet system.

Camile stated that this is a very sizeable investment. In the past three years we have had to take money out of the long term savings to pay the end of the year bills. Hopefully this won't happen this year. Camile stated that it was said before that if there was any project brought up that there had to be a plan on how we were going to pay for it. We have a \$10,000 bequest and the rest would have to come from monthly payments. She proposed that Westfield have some special collections or fund drive. Bob stated that the grant is too late for this year to apply because the money is gone. He had another grant that he was planning on looking into on August 26th. Jim felt that we really don't have enough information to make a decision because we don't know the financial situation of the parish. Betty brought information with her and will distribute to all the members. First, Father wanted to speak regarding Camile's comment. He said that he is ready to disperse the \$10,000 before the end of August so that he can make a report to Linda Wolfe, the executor of Joe Calarco's will because it has belayed already one year. Father was supposed to disperse it in 2017. Now Linda is asking for an accounting of the money and this needs to be done before the end of August. The rest of the money Father said, he will use Rick's method, of Upon This Rock. Father will call one by one, those who did not give Upon This Rock to pledge for the air conditioning. Father feels, that for two years, this would be very easy to fulfill the \$18,000. Maybe we will pay for this in one year. Secondly, the bank account shows we have \$9,000+ and the savings \$5,000+ so we have \$14,000+ now. In our Mass Account in Lakeshore, we have \$8,000 for Mass Intentions. In our account for Cemetery we have \$30,000+ plus investment. We have more collections coming in. Betty asked why Westfield has never done this before. Father said he asked Carol Reynolds why and she said, "because the board would not approve it". Father is very optimistic that we will be able to pay for this. Camile felt strongly that there should be collections to raise money, but Father said "no", he will do it one by one.

Father stated that we need to disperse the \$10,000 immediately because Linda is questioning where the money Joe Calarco gave went. Father said she has a lawyer so he has to satisfy the will. Dianna stated that she had worked in the law offices for over 25 years and unless it is stated in the will that the money has to be used for a certain thing, you can use the money however you see fit. Jim stated that the only error was that we did not acknowledge receipt of the money when we received it. It was only an error; you were only here a couple months when this happened. The committee feels that we only need to acknowledge it. Father feels we must satisfy the will because there is a lawyer. Jim stated that we made a mistake now all we must do is acknowledge it. Father stated that he has the final option and he will take the money out of the savings if he must.

Phil asked why the air conditioning is so important right now. The committee stated.....Linda. Father said we need air conditioning and a lot of people go to Brocton because they have air conditioning. Father's concern is the church and it is very hot. Jim stated that Father has made his decision to have air conditioning and to use the money so there really is no discussion needed.

Betty felt that financing was the way to go. Everyone agreed to this. Camile felt that it should be stated to Linda that this air conditioning will not be from the donation only. Jim read the letter from the lawyer and the will and in no way said where this money should go other than it was in memory of his parents. Father said that it wasn't stated there but at the community meeting Michael Wolfe wanted to know where Uncle Joe's money went. After that Linda stated that the money should go to the organ. Paul is going to donate the organ, so she can't do this. The committee felt that we are on solid legal ground that we don't have to do anything. To make demands on you, the church and the committee just isn't justified. To be pressured to act on this isn't for the good of the Church. This isn't fair to you or the parish. The committee felt that the decision for air conditioning should have nothing to do with the money from Joe Calarco. Father said that Linda was telling people that we are putting air conditioning in because of that money. Joe stated that we should just say that the money is going towards the fund for air conditioning. The committee felt we shouldn't say anything, just acknowledge the receipt of the money.

Father asked for motion to accept bid. Camile made motion to accept Home Depot's bid for the air conditioning for \$28,200 and use the financing option pending approval from the Bishop. Phil seconded the motion. All were in favor. Father will call a Board of Trustees meeting within five days. Monday, August 6th at 12:00 noon in Westfield.

Father stated that he will send out a letter to the lawyer acknowledging receipt of the money and thanking them tomorrow. It should also be put into the bulletin.

Camile made a motion that the Parish Council Adjourns. Phil seconded the motion.

Closing prayer was done by Father.

Recorded by: Debby Ruland