

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

Christ is Risen!

We will be having a business community meeting Sunday May 15th after the coffee hour. If you are receiving this email, you are on the list of Members of this Parish. One of your responsibilities is voting on matters of importance to the community as specified in our By-laws.

If you will be unable to attend this meeting in person we ask that you please familiarize yourself with the issues being considered and appoint a proxy to cast your vote, or votes. Please inform the Secretary (Michelle Cleghorn) by email of your choice of proxy prior to the meeting and also, of course, your proxy concerning how you vote: Yes, No or Abstain.

The purpose of this upcoming meeting is to vote upon three proposals from our Parish Council.

- 1) a proposal for certain changes in the Bylaws. Sponsored by Aidan Cleghorn
- 2) a proposal for funds to renovate and extend the paving of our parking lot. Sponsored by Fr. Philip.
- 3) a proposal for funds to build a patio and handicap access. Sponsored by Greg Cleghorn.

You will receive detailed information on these proposals very soon. Particular questions should be directed to the sponsors. Please understand that these proposals have been given a good deal of prayerful thought and consideration by your Parish Council and come to you with its unanimous recommendation.

That said, as sponsor of the paving project, I will take this opportunity to present that to you all:

One of the maintenance issues that has gone unresolved for some time is the condition of our parking area. The currently paved area was gifted to the church almost 20 years ago and needs resurfacing, repair and some correction for better water drainage. The gravel lot was the original parking area when the property was purchased and our efforts to "make do" with this have been less than satisfactory.

It has become obvious, for many reasons, that we will not be building any new buildings, or expansion of the existing one, in the foreseeable future. Uncertainty about such things is one reason the needed paving work has been held up. The Pandemic has been another reason.

Our Parish Council has now approved a motion to do the required paving work and to accept a proposed contract from Torrance Paving to do the job for 37k. This is a very good price in present market conditions and Torrance is well known to Cleghorn Enterprises. We are thus asking your approval for the expenditure of 37k for paving work, as per the By-laws of the Parish'.

As the Sponsor of the proposal I am more than willing to discuss any questions you might have prior to our community meeting. I am personally really happy that we are getting to this much needed work. My aesthetic sensibilities can't wait. Nothing says "I love you" like a fine, newly paved, parking lot!

You should be receiving the other proposals soon.

With love in Christ,

Fr. Philip