

**Minutes**  
**Sacred Heart Parish Council Meeting**  
**November 21, 2019**

**Parish Council:** Fr. David Trask, Deacon Thomas Daw, Kathy Carpenter, Jackie Findish, Kathy Schreiber, Jim Schultis, Daniel Steinacker, Lori Taylor, Mary Jo Ockenga (secretary)

**Absent:** Sharon Miller

**Formation Prayer:** Kathy S

**Minutes:** The minutes from the September meeting were approved as written. Notes from the October meeting were also presented (no quorum, so it was not an official meeting).

**Pastor's Report:**

- 1 – Fr. reported that Ed Klimczak, due to being over-committed, asked to be relieved of his bookkeeping duties. He will stay through the upcoming audit which will begin January 2020.

Maureen Lee will take over the bookkeeping duties. Her training with Ed will start in December.

- 2 – The date of the Council/Finance Committee Christmas party has been changed from December 26, 2019 to January 2, 2020. The party will be held in the rectory at 7 p.m.

**Old Business:**

- 1 – Jim said that there is no feedback yet on "Theology on Tap".
- 2 – Jackie said that there was no report for the Youth Group this month.
- 3 – Parish Council recruitment – Kathy C said that she has obtained from Anne Linden a list of parents who have children enrolled in PSR. Kathy contacted several about serving on Council, but none of those contacted could commit at this time.

Lori was approached by a new parishioner who might be interested in serving next time around. It was suggested that the Council survey/application form be sent as well as making a follow-up call. Deacon Tom will send Lori the name & phone number of the interested party.

Jim reported that Tracy Leverknight would like to serve. Dan will find the application form & send it to Tracy.

- 3 continued - Deacon Tom will contact Nick & Matt Gulish, Jack Kubicki & Scott & Karen Todhunter to see if any of them might be interested in serving on Council.
- 4 – Kathy S presented the Parish Resource List, asking all members to review the list & would like to contact all providers on the list to make sure that they are still viable.

Kathy said that she will be adding to the list Buderer Drug Co. of Sandusky. As a drug repository, the pharmacy sells unused medications to people who are in the Medicare “Donut Hole”. People who need medications have their doctor send prescriptions to the pharmacy.

Kathy also asked if services for unplanned pregnancies should be included in the directory. Council said yes.

Jim suggested adding blind & deaf services as well as sources to help people find primary care physicians.

Lori gave Kathy the Mercy New Life phone number.

### **New Business:**

- 1 – Lori reported that the refugee sponsor group will be visiting the family March 17, 2020. She said that the family had made great progress this year obtaining new housing & purchasing a car. The daughter has obtained her driver’s license, & all the children speak English well.
- 2 – Jim noted that the parish is well-run, but a lot of time & money is spent on physical things such as maintenance. To spread the word about the parish to the surrounding community, he suggested investment in “soft programs” such as service projects & projects that go beyond the normal parish needs.

Jim proposed a \$10,000 to \$20,000 parish investment, supplemented with a yearly special collection, that could be used to fund special projects. Parish groups or parishioners who are serving others in the community could apply for monies that would provide resources for their work.

Jim suggested naming such an investment the Vibrant Parish Life Fund. Fr. said that the word “vibrant” had been used in the parish consolidation, so he would advise against including it in the fund name.

Deacon Tom commented that the fund would need to be carefully defined, stating that it would be used to “reach out past our own parish”. Such a fund should be managed by Parish Council & the Finance Council.

Jim volunteered to draw up a first draft proposal for the fund.

3 – Fr. said that Simon Housner & other Oberlin Conservatory students will be putting on another concert Friday, December 13, 2019 in the church.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Finance Committee** – Fr. Trask reported that finances look good. The diocese urges an increase in collections to benefit both adult & child education. Because the parish has a comfortable cushion, Fr. felt that it would be hard to ask for more money from parishioners if an increase in contributions cannot be justified.

**Building Committee** – Dan said that there was nothing to report from the committee.

**LIFT** – Kathy C reported that there will be no meeting in December. After a soup supper on Dec 10, 2019, Sr. Cheryl will present on program on having God help with discernment.

**PSR** – Jackie said that PSR director Molly will be issuing report cards December 1, 2019. The students will be posting a weekly reflection on the Advent season bulletin Board that they created. Jackie also reported that her Confirmation class of three girls was doing really well.

**Peace & Justice** – Fr. said that the Christmas card signing is scheduled for December 6, 2019.

**Social Programming** – Kathy S reported that the pork roast dinner on Sunday, November 10, 2019 went well with over 60 dinners being served. Only nine tickets were pre-sold. The dinner sold out & several people had to be turned away.

Another parish dinner, possibly spaghetti, might be held in January.

Kathy noted that more advance notice is needed so that pre-sales can be more effective. She also suggested that having meals that are reasonably priced might make the dinners more accessible to people who have modest budgets.

**Spiritual Life** – Jackie presented to Council a printed report of the October 24, 2019 meeting of the committee.

### **Quarterly Reports:**

**Sunshine** – Kathy S reported that as the committee is notified, cards are made & sent.

**Next Meeting:** January 16, 2020 at 7 p.m., education building

**Next Formation Prayer:**

**Closing Prayer:** Fr. Trask

### **Informal Meeting January 2, 2020**

**Attending:** Fr. David Trask, Deacon Tom Daw, Kathy Carpenter, Jackie Findish, Kathy Schrieber, Jim Schultis, Dan Steinacker, Mary Jo Ockenga (secretary)

**Absent:** Sharon Miller, Lori Taylor

**Election:** Kathy Schrieber was elected President of Parish Council. The Vice-President will be elected at the next regular meeting.

**New Council Members:** Tracy Leverknight was welcomed to Parish Council. Matt Gulish, not in attendance, is the second new Council member.