

Minutes of Sacred Heart Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

September 18, 2014

Parish Council: Fr. Robert Cole, Deacon Thomas Daw, Ted Chmura, Carrie Kubicki, Tracy Leverknight, Connie Loffin, Judy Pickworth, Cindy Sanders, Jack Secrist, Phil Verda
Kathy Gulish (secretary)

Absent: Fr. Cole, Ted Chmura, Tracy Leverknight

Cindy led the formation at the beginning of the meeting.

MINUTES: The minutes from the May meeting were approved as submitted.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

Deacon Tom reported the information under the Old Business categories.

OLD BUSINESS:

a. Update on the rectory and church modification

Deacon Tom reported on some of the finishing touches to the church modification. Some changes to the lighting have been completed. There were some questions and discussion regarding the placement of the crucifix behind the altar and the interference of the crossbeam. Deacon Tom reported that they are looking at eventually trying to remove that crossbeam or redesign it so that it does not interfere with the line of vision of the cross. The family room/bride's room is close to being functional, and there are still a few details to be completed with the confessional. We are working out an issue with the sewer in regard to selling the rectory. We are in the process of having an agreement drafted that would allow us to maintain a manhole on our side of the road rather than having to burrow under the road for the sewer line. We now have a lease agreement with the farmer who was using the property behind the rectory. In return for using that property for 10 years, he has already installed drain tile on the section of land north of the church and parking lot. We will pay nothing for the drain tile as long as we honor the lease for its duration. If we were to withdraw early from the lease, we would pay a prorated balance of the cost of \$600 per acre for the drain tile, based on the number of years remaining. Deacon Tom reported on one unexpected issue that had surfaced with regard to constructing a new rectory; the electrical lines that are attached to the telephone poles that go around the church will have to be removed. We will have to put in underground transformers, per the city of Oberlin. The drawings for the new rectory are still with the architect. Council members felt that parishioners would want another general meeting to communicate developments regarding location of the rectory, the sewer, and electricity. Deacon Tom will discuss setting up another meeting with Father Cole.

b. Directory

The Directory is still at the printer's.

c. Dishwashing Committee

There had previously been discussion as to whether the dishwashing committee would be considered a separate ministry or a temporary committee. After talking with those involved, it was felt that they may not officially name the committee. Instead, they will most likely just train people from the various groups to use the dishwasher and then act as back-ups as necessary when help is needed.

d. Ministries pamphlet

We will finalize the ministries pamphlet without including the dishwashing committee.

e. Facilities Usage Agreement

The legal department has given us some verbage to include for not using the hall for personal profit, and the finalized copy will be put on the website.

f. Summer happenings

Deacon Tom reviewed some of the changes that had occurred over the past few months.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Discussion of the book Rebuilt

Each member of Council was asked to summarize his/her thoughts on the content of the book. The general consensus seemed to be that although the book was not a blueprint for change in our parish, it could be used as a springboard to discussions in which we look at our own church. It was agreed that Council should schedule a separate time to discuss the book further prior to holding discussions with Spiritual Life.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

1. Finance: (Fr. Cole)

Deacon Tom reported that Finance Council is still meeting more often than usual and is being consulted regularly. The next topic they will need to address will be the electrical bids. Deacon Tom reported that we will still have money in our savings account after the electrical work and the trenching for the sewer are completed.

2. IHN: (Phil)

There was nothing new to report at this time. We hosted IHN twice in August, and we are also scheduled to host the week of Christmas.

3. PSR: (Judy)

PSR will resume on Sept. 21. The staff is complete, and Chad and Amy Grude will take over as teachers for the 7th and 8th graders.

4. Peace and Justice Committee: (Phil)

Peace and Justice, in conjunction with Kendall, will have a soup supper on Oct. 5 at 5:00 in the education building in honor of Gil Miranda. Soup, salad, and bread will be provided. Attendees may bring a salad, side dish, or dessert if desired. Contributions to IHN may be made that evening in honor of Gil. People may RSVP to Lori Taylor or simply show up for the supper.

5. Social Programming: (Tracy)

The Women's Group will meet Sat., Sept. 20 at 2:00 to make rosaries. A group is coming in from another church to teach how to make the rosaries.

6. Spiritual Life: (Cindy)

Spiritual Life held a retreat meeting on Sat., Aug. 23 to discuss the book Rebuilt. After extensive discussion, the group agreed with the book's thesis that the Mission of a Catholic parish should be: Love God. Love others. Make disciples. The group also felt that discipleship should be a goal in all parishes, and Spiritual Life has recommended to Parish Council to adopt a new Vision/Mission Statement for our parish. Spiritual Life will meet on Sept. 25 to work on this recommendation.

7. Sunshine Committee: (Ted)

There was no report at this time.

8. Youth Group: (Carrie)

The Youth Group held a cookout over the summer and met again in September. They are discussing renaming the group in a way that would seem more welcoming. Membership in Youth Group has been expanded to include 8th graders as well as any graduated senior from the past two years.

The next meeting of Parish Pastoral Council will be Oct. 16 at 7:00 pm in the education building.

Formation Prayer: Cindy