

SACRED HEART PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES for November 27, 2018

OPENING PRAYER: An opening prayer was led by Anne Hinley.

CALL TO ORDER:

President, Don Ryan, called the meeting to order at 7:31. In attendance were Fr. Tom, Don Ryan, Jim Leahy, Jeanne Kaefer, Ron Wisniewski, Jan Miller, Anne Hinley, Kris Mahoney, Chris Leonard, and Dustin Vance. It was moved and seconded to approve the Minutes. Motion carried and the Minutes were approved. Motion to approve the Agenda was moved and seconded. The motion was approved.

OPENING STATEMENTS FROM THE GALLERY:

The bulletin boards that are posted outside of the church are hard to read in inclement weather.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Fr. Botheroyd

- Father reminded everyone that Monday night will be our first Advent Vespers service.
- The October head count shows that our mass attendance is up slightly over last year.
- Father has put some money aside to fix the cement between the church and the school in the spring. This will not include the steps going into the church near Maple ave.
- Seminarian Bob will be assisting with the Religious Education for this semester.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Don Ryan

No report other than to remind the council that there will be no December meeting.

ADMINISTRATION: Jim Leahy

Finance

- We have completed 4 months or 33.3% of the current fiscal budget.
- Total revenue for this period is \$442,990 or 38% of budgeted amount.
- Total expense for this period is \$402,372 or 35% of budgeted amount.
- Total Sunday offertory is \$2,506 ahead of same period last year.
- Electronic giving continues to grow. It has reached 50% of the target amount in the budget for electronic giving.
- The diocesan loan balance is at \$201,757. This amount will be below \$200,000 by the end of December.

Maintenance

There are no new maintenance projects/items since last meeting

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Jeanne Kaefer

Anne and Jeanne have updated the Parish Council Commissions Reporting Structure and this document was reviewed by the council. Father would like to add the Men's group that broke off of the Young Couple's group to the reporting structure.

CHRISTIAN SERVICES: Anne Hinley

Knights of Columbus – Dennis Jensen

The Knights will be selling Christmas Puzzles on the weekend of December 8-9 in the vestibule of church before and after all masses. The Knights will also be providing a dozen coats for the giving in our first Coats for Kids Program. We are working in conjunction with Barb Conrath who is the giving tree chairperson. In this

year's Intellectual Disabilities (Tootsie Roll Drive) we collected almost \$6000 Council wide which will be distributed to 4 Local Charities. A notice will be placed in the church bulletin thanking parishioners for their generosity and participation. Our local council also raised the most funds for our seminarians in our recent vocations raffle.

Hopeful Hearts – Sara Lasota

We had our first speaker come in and speak on the topic of Finding Purpose. We opened it up to other area churches and had about 15 in attendance. We hope that it helped provide awareness about the group.

Young Couples – Sara Lasota

We had the monthly get together last Friday. We recently received two inquiries about the group from people interested in joining. The group continues to grow!

Senior Dinner – Arlene Mason

The Fall Senior Dinner has been discontinued because the number of guests attending has diminished considerably. The (March) St. Patrick's Day Dinner will continue as long as O'Neill's prepares the corned beef for us. We always have a great response for this dinner. Just by chance, St. Patrick's Day 2019 actually falls on a Sunday.

St. Vincent DePaul – Diane Sullivan

We held our fall clothing drive in September and attended Sunday Mass together in remembrance of our founder, St Vincent. We assisted with the Undy Sunday collection on October 21. We helped with the Giving Tree by preparing a list of names for the Giving Tree committee.

New this year, we are collecting gently used Christmas decorations to be resold at the Christmas Mart. All proceeds will go to our Sacred Heart Conference of St Vincent DePaul Society. All remaining items after the Christmas Mart ends will be donated to St Vincent DePaul Society. We are grateful to our supporters for allowing us to continue our mission.

CHRISTIAN WORSHIP: Kris Mahoney

- There is a Holy day of obligation on December 8th and there will be a 7:00pm vigil on December 7th. Christmas Eve Mass times will be on 4:00pm and 10:00pm, Christmas Day mass 8:30am, 11:00 am.
- There is a ministry fair sign up on second or third week of January
- Catholic schools week is the last week in January.
- Deacon Bob is retiring and there will be a reception for his on January 6th after the 11:00am Mass.

TECHNOLOGY: Todd Munson No Report

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT AND CLOSING PRAYER: Father Tom led the group in a closing prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

Submitted by Dustin Vance, Secretary