

Parish Council Minutes
December 9, 2015

Attending: Fr. Tim Kozak, John Anderson, Marie Johnson, Ray Johnson,
David Gloeckner, Diana Bartles & Cecelia Lisle

John called the meeting to order. After Fr. Tim did a scripture reading a few minutes were taken to reflect on the reading. The meeting then continued with the reading and approval of the previous minutes. A motion was made by Diana Bartles and seconded by Marie Johnson to accept the minutes as written. All were in favor.

Committee Reports:

Building and Maintenance:

- The problem with the slats in the bell tower can be repaired from the inside. Work on this, as well as some painting, should be done soon.
- There is a problem with the microphone that Fr. Tim uses. It is probably in the cable. A new one has been ordered.

Liturgy:

- There was a Penance Service on December 3rd. About 15 people attended. There will be another one at Point Pleasant and also one at Gallipolis.

Religious Education:

- The meeting with the CCD parents went well. There were some very good ideas.
- The Christmas program and meal scheduled for December 20th has been cancelled.
- Joan Anderson has agreed to take over as teacher for the Junior High CCD class.
- The CCD students will be doing most of the ministries at the 5:30 Mass on Christmas Eve. They will also do a short music program before the start of the Mass.

Social:

- There will be a Christmas potluck brunch on December 13th.

Finance:

- The parish checking account continues to be low.
- We have made payments to the Diocesan Liability Insurance, but we still owe \$10,256.

- There was a discussion about improving our finances. We may need to make an appeal to the parish. This should be separate from the DPSC. It was decided to talk about this again after the 1st of the year.

Old Business:

- None.

New Business

- Fr. Tim gave each Council member a booklet that gives an introduction to the Mass and to basic Catholic teaching. Fr. Tim said he had the idea because one of the high school students could not explain to a non-Catholic what was going on at the Mass. All thought this was a good idea for the non-Catholics that attend Mass and also as reinforcement for the CCD students. It was also discussed to have an insert in the bulletin each week explaining different things done at the Mass.
- It was noted that we need to somehow improve attendance. We have a few new people coming to Mass.
- Fr. Tim brought up changing our opening prayer to pray for those who have left the church. All agreed that this was a good idea.
- Several parishioners requested that the Mass on Saturday evening be at an earlier time. This was voted down 2 years ago by the Council. This was tabled until the next meeting to give the Council members time to think about it.