

Sacred Heart Council Minutes

September 12, 2012

Those in attendance were Bill Arnott, Cecelia Lisle, Julie Zirkle and Fr Tim

Father Tim opened up the meeting with a prayer.

Committee Reports:

Building Maintenance:

The display of religious articles for sale that was in the back of church has been moved to the basement. There is plaster damage in the choir loft and it is in need of repair. Fr Tim will have someone come to look at it and give an estimate.

Liturgy:

The parish is looking into ideas to better use the Catechisms that were given out last year. Things that have been considered are lessons on the Internet or weekly handouts at both Masses.

Religious Education:

CCD and RCIA will begin on Catechetical Sunday, September 16th. Everything seems to be in place.

Social:

There was a Birthday party for Fr Tim September 2. A good time was had by all.

Finance:

Schindler Elevator has been paid. The final cost was \$4,385. Although they have done poor work, we have a contract with them until 2015. This contract only covers inspection of the elevator. Any repairs are additional. The current contract is \$470 per year. To break the contract there is a penalty of 50% of the total contract: a penalty of over \$700. The current plan is to have Schindler continue to inspect the elevator while the contract remains in force. Any maintenance will be done by another repair service.

Old Business:

Since a quorum was not present, Fr. Tim reminded the Council that in a previous Council meeting, it was agreed that in the event of quorum not being present, motions could still be made and voted on, but the members who were not present would be contacted, informed of the motion and given a chance to vote on it.

The parish cemetery had damage from the recent storm. The fallen trees were removed, but there is still some holes that have not been fixed and some stones out of place. A motion was made by Bill Arnott and seconded by Cecelia Lisle to repair the damage and also to remove a dying tree before it falls.

New Business:

We have a lot of clutter in the church, the hall and the activity building and are in need of dry, accessible storage. The subbasement is very large but damp. There was discussion about having work done on the subbasement to correct this problem. This was tabled until the next meeting.

There is no good spot in the church for someone in a wheelchair. Fr Tim suggested removing a couple short pews in the back on one side. The unused pews would no longer be needed and could be given away or raffled off.

There are some parishioners who would like to see the birthdays put back in the bulletin. There was a discussion on this and it was decided that the bulletin is not the proper place. Other suggestions where to have an bulletin insert or have a quarterly handout. There was also a discussion about having a sign-up sheet those who want their birthdays on a list. Cecelia Lisle said she would do these sheets in whatever way was decided. A motion was made by Julie Zirkle and seconded by Bill Arnott to look into this.

There was a discussion about some complaints that it is difficult to hear during Mass. The sound system that is in use is very old and does not always work well. There was a discussion on having it replaced and a motion was made to look into this matter.

Meeting was adjourned with prayer by Father Kozak.

Next meeting is October 10, 2012 following the 7:00pm Mass.