

Sacred Heart Parish Council Minutes  
November 14, 2012

Full Membership Attending: Jim Anderson, Julie Zirkle, Marie Johnson, Bill Arnott, Cecelia Lisle, Yvonne Scally, Father Tim Kozak

Committee Reports:

Building and Maintenance:

- Jim reported that Joe Custer has given a quote to plaster the area in the choir loft. A quote is now needed to paint the plaster area: and, it was determined that it be done professionally. Karr Construction will be contacted for a referral. Also, the choir loft will be inspected one more time to assure no more leaks.

Liturgy:

- Father Tim reported that noises are still filtering through the sound system from Team Jesus on Mechanic Street. All were in favor of Father Tim purchasing a new unit which will include lapel and choir mics.

Religious Education:

- Jamie Deem is interested in starting a youth group. Due to the low number of teens in our parish, it was suggested that forming connections with a local non-denominational group should be considered.

Social:

- Father noted that the picnic was well attended despite the foul weather. The activities and the meal were moved inside the Syracuse Community Center.
- Birthday dates for parishioners will not be included in the bulletin; however; Cecelia will send cards to those ages 80 and above.
- A large evergreen tree needs to be removed at the cemetery. Jones of Gallipolis gave an estimate of \$5,000.00 and Gary of Jackson gave an estimate of \$4,540.00. It is so costly because of preserving the monuments. Also, another tree is leaning and it will be monitored. It was agreed that \$10,000.00 from the cemetery fund be transferred so that appropriate measures can be taken.

New Business:

- Father Tim is concerned about the decline in membership from last year to this year (207-167). Several reasons were discussed - i.e. graduates, families moving, deaths, elderly unable to attend. A discussion was then held regarding ways to increase membership - form letter or card. The parish directory needs to be updated to reflect changes.
- Mass intentions are still low. Need to make sure that people realize that Masses can be said for non-Catholics.
- The CWC has been officially disbanded. The low number of members and requirements of maintaining connection with the Diocesan Council has been an ongoing problem. It has been reformed as the Social Group. They will focus on holding dinners.
- The Culture of Life is sponsoring a bus trip to the March for Life in DC this January. The council has agreed to sponsor high school CCD students that want to go.