Sacred Heart Parish Council

Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, January 8, 2018

Sacred Heart Conference Room, 7:00 PM

Call to Order – Mike Maraan @ 7 PM

Attendance – Arline Argentati, Jeff Cadle, Kathy Engel, Greg LoBuono, Mike Maraan, Rita Pochard, Joyce Thomas, Fr. Tharp. Jim Schultheiss absent

Opening Prayer led by Fr. Tharp

Approval of Agenda: Mulch sale and Ministry Fair were added to the agenda under New Business. Motion to approve the agenda as amended for the meeting.

Motion by: Arline Argentati

Second by: Joyce Thomas

Motion approved

Meeting Minutes: Several corrections to the minutes. Motion to approve December meeting minutes as amended.

Motion by: Joyce Thomas

Second by: Greg LoBuono

Motion approved

**Old Business:**

Choir Chairs – Arline spoke with the vendor; they are “backed up”. Now hoping for delivery by the end of January or beginning of February. Arline requested an update from the vendor every two weeks. There is a question about what will become of the old chairs. Suggestions to check with Zettler Funeral Home. Arline suggested some of the little churches in the community may want them. She will make some inquiries.

Fellowship Hall – The floor was cut and the plumbing was done over Christmas break. Next step is cabinets and counters, which will be off-the-shelf from Lowes.

Building Repairs:

Church Exterior

Sealing the Brick – Bill is currently checking references on the contractors that bid.

Church Roof - Bids are in process. Not sure if this is flashing versus the gaskets between the sections. We want bids with guarantees this will last for a long time, not needing to be redone in a few years.

Fire Alarms – Two of the three bids are in. They were rebid based on the code requirements. We are not sure if the monitoring is included in these bids. Fr. Tharp wants to be sure the system is non-proprietary. Cincinnati Alarm already does the security system monitoring. It would be nice if they can do the fire alarm monitoring as well. They have not yet submitted a revised bid. Cintas’s new bed is $63,938. Silco’s is $48,264. When the final bid is in, Fr. Tharp will scan them and send to Parish Council for our review. Likely the work will have to wait for summer since there can be no children in the building when the system is shut off.

Bathroom Floors – School – This is just flooring that needs to be replaced as part of routine maintenance.

Bathrooms – Gym – Companies will be coming in to assess the job in the next day or two. PTS will be dedicating funds from the walk-a-thon to this project. Girls restrooms will need updating with new fixtures and flooring but the boys restroom will be a major undertaking. The current urinals are part of the wall and extend to the floor. Neither of these are approved under the current building code. A parent has also requested changing stations be installed with the renovations.

Gym Roof – It’s been determined that the leaks are likely coming from ductwork and not the roof itself, although the roof does need to be replaced. Repair of the ventilator flashing from Eckstein is $987 to address the current issue. Regarding the gym roof, Eckstein’s bid for single-ply is $54,120 and for build-up is $60,897. The bid from them for the cafeteria roof is $61,117 for single-ply and $69,117 for the build-up. Still awaiting additional bids.

Liaison Roles – Mike Maraan handed out letters to be signed and sent to the various groups. For now, Greg LoBuono will cover the scrapbook and the Heartbeat.

Infant Mortality – Rita has not received anything from Father Tharp.

New member for Parish Council – Father Tharp hasn’t yet been able to connect with the individual he has in mind.

**Committee Reports:**

Peace and Justice report the parish donated 14,313 items in 2018, an increase of 10% over last year.

**New Business**:

Boy Scouts are requesting multiple dates for their mulch sale. Dates are: 2/16-17, 3/9-10, and 3/23-24.

Motion made to approve these dates contingent on checking the calendar with Lauren.

Motion by: Jeff Cadle

Seconded by: Rita Pochard

Motion approved.

Ministry Fair – Greg reminded us that Worship Commission will be sponsoring tables in the narthex to recruit new members for various ministries including lectors, ushers, Eucharistic ministers, funeral coordinators, etc.

Blood Pressure Cuffs – Rita was approached by Pam Buehler following a medical incident during the 10AM Mass about having blood pressure cuffs available with the AED. After discussion, it was decided to order an automatic cuff to be placed in the usher’s closet. Rita will ask Lauren or Kathy to do this.

**Pastor’s Report:**

Pressurized Toilet Recall - The parish has been notified that the pressurized toilets in the bathrooms in the church have been recalled due to concern for explosion. Shrapnel could injure or kill. This involves all of the women’s bathroom in the undercroft, one stall in the women’s bathroom off the narthex, and the stalls in both the men’s bathrooms (urinals are okay). The company will provide free parts and installation but the timeline is not clear. Fr. Tharp has directed Bill Dirr to make sure at least one stall in the men’s bathrooms is usable by this weekend. The toilet will be removed and replaced if the repair cannot be made in time for services.

Catholic Education Foundation – Fr. Tharp is strongly urging anyone who needs tuition assistance for Sacred Heart School to first apply to the foundation for funds. Sacred Heart Parish pledged $1.3 million to the One Faith, One Hope, One Love campaign in support of this. Only after applying to the grant program should additional request be made to the parish if needed.

Opioid Crisis – The Archdiocese in conjunction with the Lutheran Church will be presenting a seminar on the opioid crisis on February 19.

Amazing Parish Program – the Archdiocese is urging attendance by the Pastor and three additional persons to this 3-day program in Cincinnati on parish management. The cost would be about $6000.

Motion made to decline this request.

Motion by: Mike Maraan

Second by: Arline Argentati

Next meeting will be February 5, 2019.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by Joyce Thomas

Second by Kathy Engel.

Motion approved.

Closing Prayer given by Fr. Tharp.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Pochard