

SACRED HEART PARISH COUNCIL  
January 9, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Marilyn Lies at 4:30 p.m. with all members present except Margaret Eck, Steve Wappelhorst and Christie Weber. Father Drew opened the meeting with a prayer.

The Minutes of the November 14, 2017 meeting were reviewed and accepted by all Council members.

An additional item was placed under New Business on the Agenda re custodial care for the parish campus.

**Old Business**

Father Drew presented updates on the upcoming Parish Jubilee celebrations as follows:

January – Display in the gathering space of all Baptisms in the parish in the past 100 years.

February – Blessing for all married couples in the parish and a flower to be presented on a Sunday to be designated.

March – Possible presentation by the Wichita Adorers on Palm Sunday similar to their presentation and adoration in October, 2017. All details will be finalized by Father Drew.

Father Drew gave an update on the restroom renovations in the REC Building including necessary repairs to the sinks and painting the stalls therein to be scheduled for the summer months. The installation of new lights in the bathrooms and classrooms in the REC building has been completed.

Father drew reported the planned tree removal in the cemetery has been completed and burning of the trees will take place when weather conditions are favorable.

Christi Weber arrived for the meeting at this time.

Father Drew announced the Financial Peace University class has been well received with twenty people (maximum per class) signed up with a waiting list for the next class to be scheduled sometime this summer. For the next class, an invitation might be extended to members of the neighboring parishes with possible financial assistance from their parish towards enrollment fees.

## **New Business**

Full discussion was held regarding the custodial care of all building space on the parish campus except Church space and Sacred Heart Hall in the REC. Father Drew presented estimated costs to contract with an outside custodial service company similar to those presently being used by another parish. More information and cost will be gathered and presented later.

Discussion was held regarding the pros and cons of the Parish Mission held in December, 2017. Father Drew reported that over 100 people attended each night's services and was well received by those in attendance. It was announced consideration will be given to schedule another Parish Mission for December, 2018.

Discussion was held regarding length of terms of Parish Council members and terms of officers. Three members, as follows, will be rotating off the Council in February, 2018, unless otherwise re-appointed by the Pastor:

Steve Wappelhorst, Margaret Eck and Shirlene Simon.

Other members of Council and remaining years of three year terms:

Marilyn Lies, President, 3 year term ends February, 2019  
Al Jirak, Vice-President, 3 year term ends February, 2019  
Tim Stolz, 3 year term ends February, 2019  
Sue Ungles, 3 year term ends February, 2019  
Angie Konda, 3 year term ends February, 2020  
Christi Weber, 3 year term ends February, 2020.

When the President's term is up the Vice-President will move into that position.

Father Drew advised Church Renovation Committee will be submitting proposed renovation plans to Father Drew and the Parish Council in the near future for review. After the review, the plans will be presented to the Parish before being submitted to the Diocesan office for first review. The repair of the windows is currently being started with the down payment (\$81,000.00) being made for the first half of the total cost of \$162,000.00 for repair to the first half of the Church windows. Father Drew advised exterior painting of the REC building is not part of church renovation costs and will not be completed at this time.

Discussion was held regarding the growth of the parish. Father Drew advised that approximately 600 people are attending weekend Masses at our parish and the count remains about the same from the previous year's count. Also, the parish had nearly twenty baptisms last year (2017) but not all families were members of our parish.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 13, 2018, at 4:30 p.m. in the Marian Room.

The meeting was closed at 5:50 p.m. with a prayer by Father Drew.