

SACRED HEART PARISH

COUNCIL MEETING

FEB. 15th, 2006 7:00 PM

PRESENT: Judy Clarkson, Carleen Herbert, Father Geff, Nancy Koester, Noreen Pendergraft, Paul Surgi, and Mike Wilson

ABSENT: Roger Bruner, Mary Jones, Lynn Onstot, and Mildred Martinez

OPENING PRAYER: Father Geff

Phillip Johnson has resigned from Parish Council. Noreen nominated Paul Surgi for president, and Mike seconded the nomination. Brought to a vote, motion carried. Judy nominated Noreen for Vice-President and Nancy seconded it. Brought to a vote, motion carried.

REVIEW OF MINUTES: After some discussion they were accepted.

FINANCIAL REPORT: David read from the Diocese Guidelines that Parish Councils must have a Finance Council as part of the Council but a separate body. The Finance Council is defined as aides to the Pastor. He stated that we have a surplus of money for the first time in a long time, however insurance bills will be due in March.

He stated that we can save money by getting yearly boxes of envelopes in place of the monthly packets we have now. Father said he does not like the second collection. Alternatives were discussed. Father suggested we have a special box in the back of church with a sign on it for people to place second collections in. Paul said he will work with Father to make a box. Mike made a motion we discontinue the second collection, Noreen seconded it, brought to a vote, motion carried. It was decided that we get the boxed envelopes. David explained electronic donations and asked members of Parish Council to consider doing it to see how it will work.

Father said we must do something about the southwest wall of the church. Mike said we need an investigation to determine why the soil is moving underground. He said it may cost \$3,000. to find out. Father asked Mike to check the cost of the soil investigation. Mike agreed to. Judy added that we need rails by our outdoor steps to the parking lot.

David said we are replacing the linoleum in the church rectory because it has mold. Father is allergic to mold, so it must be removed for health reasons.

NEW BUSINESS: Father said he would like all parishioners to know what is discussed at Parish Council meetings. Paul said we can give the minutes to David Surgi to post on the Sacred Heart Web cite.

Father reported on the JACS Parent meeting. He said 11 families were represented. The parents are willing to help at parish fund raisers and Rick Kenkel will head a committee for fund raisers.

Possible fund raisers were discussed. Judy Clarkson said we used to have a Casino Night and it

was a great fund raisers. David said we need to get an insurance policy if beer is served.. Father asked Judy to check into the cost of doing a Casino Night. She will contact Tanya Wano, Chuck Eminger and Rick Kenkel to see if they can help in organizing the fund raiser.

Father brought up the subject of the storage shed. He said we have it rented till the end of June and he would like us to build one on church property to save the rental expenses. Paul said he will discuss it with Joe Patzner and David Gastineau to see if they have some ideas.

Lent was the next topic on the agenda. Since every slot for bringing soup for the Stations of the Cross meals have already been assigned, our Parish Council will not have to cook this year. Father said we will be having evening mass every Wednesday night at 6:30 PM during Lent. The Spanish people will have a special Mass on Easter Sunday, however they will join with the rest of the church for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil. Father said he will be out of the country right after Easter and will return on May 9th.

Mike Wilson and Sharon Roche are updating the lists of Eucharistic ministers, ushers, servers and lectors using the stewardship forms. The parish directory is being updated. We have 190 active families. Information will be in the vestibule for members to check to make sure all information is correct before the final copy is printed.

Judy Clarkson said we need to recognize long time members of our parish such as Charlie Surgi.

with a plaque or something. This was discussed, no definite plans were made at this time. Father said he would like a welcoming committee here at Sacred Heart and asked Carleen to head it.

Parish Council members were asked to start thinking about people who would be good candidates for parish council when election time comes around in May

ORGANIZATION REPORTS:

JACS: Judy said the Spring auction is scheduled on April 28th.

PCCW: The ladies will be hosting a Chili Cook off Saturday Feb. 17th, leading the Stations of the Cross March 19th, and cooking the meal for the patients at Community Health on a Thursday coming up.

PRAYER GARDEN: Carleen reported that a profit of over \$2,400. was made on the Wreathes You Can Eat. Many women of the parish and a few children helped to bake these wreathes

PSR: A Confirmation Retreat will be held at CMC Feb. 23 and 24th. Confirmation is scheduled For March 17th at the 5:00 Mass. There are 48 people being confirmed. Seven people will be joining our faith community this Easter. Our youth group will be hosting the Youth Conference at West Plaines the Weekend of March 23rd.

The date for our next meeting will be Thursday March 15th. Judy Clarkson will give the opening prayer and Carleen Herbert will give the closing prayer.

Father Geff said the closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned.

