

## SACRED HEART ADVISORY COUNCIL

### PARISH UPDATE

Sacred Heart's Advisory Council held its last meeting January 3<sup>rd</sup>. The officers for this current year are as follows: Andy Schmidt-President, Theresa Imler-Vice President and Philip Temple-Secretary. Current Council members: Kathy Miller, Linda Allen, Damon Finazzo, Barb Bauda, Marilyn Sharp, Rick Perino Al Kunz, Tim Barrett and Tom Hudson. Ex Officio Members: Fr. Mark, Sr. Ricarda, Rebecca Flynn, Norm Zambrzyki, Sara Comi, Lisa Priestap

Here is a brief summary of the reports and/or discussions held during the meeting.

Finance Report: Presented detailed financial report from Finance Council. Despite loss of school income and Fall Fest income, investments did very well leaving the parish in good shape heading into 2018. A similar report will be provided to the parish in as an insert in a future bulletin.

Liturgy Report: There are two people in RCIA. Next liturgy planning will be for Easter Season. The great mass in August is set for the 26<sup>th</sup>. Tom Hudson recommended new different age-related materials for the children who attend the session during 10am Mass as the current material is meant for older children. Different age-related material will make the sessions more meaningful to all of the children.

Religious Education: Religious Ed. Classes resumed Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. Confirmation retreat Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> and prep for First Reconciliation and Eucharist begins this year.

Facilities Report: School gym now rented by Diocesan Wrestling league at \$200 per month. Commercial Real Estate agent to be contacted regarding future use of the school building. Plowing and current condition of the parking lot was discussed. Excess snow will be trucked out soon. RFP will be put together for use in acquiring bids and selecting contractors for the future.

Subcommittees: The web site is up to date and parishioners are urged to visit the site for a variety of information. Blankets have been collected by the three parishes and will be given to Women's Care Center. Dates for St. Paul's outreach dinners are Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>, April 30<sup>th</sup> and July 30<sup>th</sup> and are prepared by Sacred Heart volunteers.

Discussion was held on reviving the Fall Fest for this year and how to restart it. A proposal was made to perhaps establish a new event which would be a function of the three parishes sharing in the work, expense and income of the event. THE NEXT MEETING IS MARCH 7<sup>TH</sup>.

The Council exists to assist the Pastor in running the parish and ensuring that it remains financially stable and its members spiritually strong. If you have an issue, suggestion or something you would like to have brought to the Council for discussion, please contact one of the Council members or drop it in the collection basket when you attend Mass.