

Minutes of September 8, 2011

The September meeting of the Sacred Heart Parish Pastoral Advisory Council was held on Thursday, September 8, 2011, in the Rectory Conference Room. Present were Father Dariusz Dudzik, Principal Larry Fitzgerald, Jim Ferrie, Donna Holman, Theresa Jorsz, Linda Kidder, Jan Ledwidge, Deb Murphy, John Schafer, and Marty Snyder.

President Snyder called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Father Dariusz led the opening prayer. Following introductions, minutes of the June meeting were read.

Deb Murphy nominated Linda Kidder for President. Theresa Jorsz seconded. The nomination was accepted provided a new social committee chair was willing to follow through with the ambitious social schedule in place. Jorsz agreed to become social committee chairperson. There being no other nominations, the secretary cast one vote.

John Schafer volunteered his nomination for Vice President. Linda Kidder seconded. There being no other nominations, the secretary cast one vote. Kidder nominated Jan Ledwidge for Secretary. Jorsz seconded. There being no other nominations, the secretary cast one vote.

Nomination of a youth representative to the Council will be made by DRE Marissa Mills.

2011 – 2012 meetings are scheduled for 6:30 p.m. in the Rectory Conference Room as follows:

Thursday, October 27th;
Friday, December 9th;
Thursday, January 26th;
Thursday, March 8th;
Thursday, April 12th; and
Thursday, May 24th.

Committee Updates:

1. Administrative – Three sections of roof have been replaced; new AC units have been installed to cool both church and cafeteria; there is new heating in the cafeteria; the music room and second grade classroom have been redone; and there are new windows in the back of the school. Rental of the “convent” by the ARC has helped. There is a possibility the organization may rent a meeting room on the third floor. It was suggested that should this happen, cleaning out the room would be a good Eagle Scout project.
2. Education – SH School Principal Fitzgerald presented a printed report (attached). In addition, he reported there are approximately 54 students requiring special education with two paraprofessionals running the special classes. Fitzgerald also said a marketing plan for the school would be created.

RCIA will begin tomorrow, September 9th.

Theresa Jorsz requested a new adult education group be formed. It was noted that Dave Nettleton and Sue Palmieri at one time chaired an adult education group. Marty suggested Teresa put a draft together outlining her ideas, and invited the Council to submit suggestions.

3. Haiti – Bill Antonowicz and Vicki MacWhinnie are possible co-chairs. Kathy McDermott, past chairperson, will be able to provide information.

A booklet, "Houses for Haiti", was received. Last year's fund-raiser, "No Room at the Inn", was very successful with enough money collected to build two plus houses. It has not been decided whether or not to take on this fund-raiser this year due to other necessary financial considerations.

4. Liturgy – It was noted the Liturgy web page was out-of-date. Scott Lau, and/or Bridget Mejca would be the individuals to up-date it. Liturgy chairperson is to be named.
5. Social – Linda Kidder outlined social plans for this year. Theresa Jorsz will follow through as chairperson.
6. Picnic – Father Dariusz reported good attendance, weather, food, and fun expected for Sunday's annual picnic, chaired by Bill Antonowicz. John Schafer announced his daughter would be singing "The Star-Spangled Banner".
7. Finance – Father Dariusz prepared the Council for the upcoming restructuring of churches. Due to a decline of priests, and a decline of parishioners, some churches have already combined to share expenses and duties where possible. Our deanery is now scheduled for meetings to discuss possible solutions. Open meetings will be held September 26th and October 4th at 7 p.m. at St. Paul's in Waterford. Marty will attend.

Letters concerning finances are scheduled to go out to all parishioners in October.

The Council was reminded of the next meeting on Thursday, October 27th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Sacred Heart Rectory Conference Room. There being no further business, a closing prayer was said before adjournment at 8 p.m.

**Principal's Report
School Board Meeting
September 8, 2011**

School News: Our school opened as scheduled on August 31st, 2011 with 200 students. We have 3 new teachers this year. Mrs. Theresa Sammataro is teaching middle school language arts; Mrs Sheryl McCarthy is teaching middle school Math and Science and Mr. Tim Konalski is teaching Physical Education. Also, Mr Joe Park is our new instrumental music and band teacher from Future Musicians Inc.

Over the summer the music room and 2d grade classroom were renovated and new windows were installed in the early education wing classrooms. Also, extensive work was done to replace portions of the school roof. In addition a new air conditioning unit was installed for the school cafeteria. This will allow the Church and cafeteria to be cooled at the same time.

I have been meeting with all the school groups to include the school advisory board and athletic board. I will be working this year with the school advisory board to update the school five year plan.

We have installed new administrative software for the student data base and we will be issuing computerized report cards this year. Mrs. Lang, Mrs. Paige and I received training this summer and the teachers received training on gradequick on August 30th.

We had our kickoff for the Marathon yesterday and we look forward to a very successful fundraiser this Fall. I want to thank everyone in the school and parish community for welcoming me to Sacred Heart. It is truly a great place to be and I look forward to working with all of you during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Fitzgerald
Principal