

Parish Council Meeting

March 10, 2016

Father Howard opened the meeting at 7:00 pm with a prayer.

Members in attendance: Charlotte Glessner, Crystal Noel, Mark Pevarnik, Wendy McCall, Michael Seymore, Adam Wurtz, Bridget Wurtz, Scott Mull, and Eugene Livelsberger.

Parishioners in attendance, Dixie Groft, from the Health Ministry

There were no ministry reports.

Crystal Noel gave the school report:

All volunteers must update their Youth Protection clearances. This includes completion of an online course. All must be completed and turned in by June 30, 2016.

Nick Baker will participate in the in the Diocesan Geography Bee. Randy Stafford will participate in the Diocesan Spelling Bee and Jacob Smith will participate in the Diocesan Faith Bee.

Laura Fahnestock, Abigail Jarrett, Nick Groft, Easton Biggins, Sam Jarvis, and Tara Noel will participate in the Diocesan Speech Contest on April 15. This will be the first time that the school will be represented.

The following presentations were made: Dr. Ross for Dr. Seuss's Birthday; Bishop Gainer (via skype) to all classes for Read Across America Day; Dept. of Agriculture to the primary grades on poison prevention; and, Dr. Ross discussed dental care for grades K-4.

Jump Rope for Heart raised \$2,452 for the American Heart Association. The Lego Club has started for grades K-4. There are 37 students participating with 4 coaches. Activities period is going very well. Agriculture Club is planning their seasonal garden.

CoGats testing will be April 4-7th for grades 3 and 5 and ITBS testing will be April 18-21 for grades 3-8.

The nominations process for the School Advisory Board will begin in mid-March. Mrs. Noel requests the nomination of individuals who will effectively serve Sacred Heart School and its mission.

Fr. Howard explained the course of action for hiring a new Principal. He will form an executive search committee, which will meet in April to plan. The Diocesan Catholic Schools Office will advertise the position and collect applications through March 31.

They will vet the applicants (check references and youth protection clearances as well as conduct the initial round of interviews during April). A list of qualified candidates will be forwarded to Sacred Heart during May for interview.

Father Howard followed up regarding the Parish Hall Rental Agreement to see if there were any second thoughts or ideas. Since there were no objections raised by Parish Council members, Fr. Howard will draft up the new Parish Hall Rental Agreement and will present the draft for approval at a future meeting. The new agreement will have an effective date of July 1, 2016.

Michael Seymore and Mark Pevarnik will work with the Parish webmaster to update the Parish website.

Fr. Howard told us that the proofs for the Special Edition Rosaries look nice. There is a black bead and a red bead version. Both feature a picture of the stained glass window of the Sacred Heart on one side of the medal and the Basilica on the reverse side. These will be offered for sale to the parish as well as to pilgrims.

Dixie Graft (Health Ministry), asked about transportation for people who need rides to and from the Church. There is no parish vehicle for this service, but Fr. Howard said he would check into the liability issues and discuss this with our neighboring parishes.

There will be 4 vacancies to the Parish Council for next year's Council (2016-2017). This will be advertised the bulletin shortly after Easter.

Fr. Howard closed the meeting with a prayer around 8:30 pm.