

Holy Cross
Parish Council Minutes of Jan. 8th, 2015

Meeting was opened with a prayer at 7:31 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Fr. Ron, Greg Mueller, Al Haus, Donna Gregory, Cindy Voigt, Len Voigt, Missy Johnson, Leanne Donnay, Rich Schlangen, Barry Belknapp, Ann Donnay

Routine Matters: A. Minutes approved
 B. Agenda approved
 C. Reports

 i. Parish Vibrancy-Share the Spirit-Family was grateful. Kids were excited for their gifts. Volunteering at the Salvation Army is going well. Cindy reported that they did find help to serve. They would like another night of service. Easter Sunday is the next night to serve from our parish. Would like to have something to give the kids at the Salvation Army besides food. Looking for suggestions.

 ii. Cemetery/Bldg.-Trying to get rid of squirrels in parish house. Dave Leither will try and reduce the numbers. Also see attached sheet for parish house removal. It currently costs \$4,000/year to heat etc. We would make up this cost in four years. A question was asked as to how much it would cost to move garage behind pavillion and concrete pad laid. The committee should know more by the next meeting and we should be able to take the next step. Also, the sidewalk tear out by church will be done by Troy Hilsgen. John Loch will pour concrete and will only charge for the concrete. The tree trimming was done July.

 iii. Stewardship-discussed the reading from Stewardship: A Disciple's Response.

 iv. School Board-Barry reported that since Oct. there has been discussion about future of St. Cloud Catholic schools including Holy Cross. He stated the School Board's concern with this being that they are looking for a defined target with defined results. They are generally concerned that what will be happening will have an adverse effect on Holy Cross School. There were joint school board meetings in Nov. and Jan. with St. Wendelins. Fr. Ron wants the two schools to look at areas of shared resources, such as marketing. He also wants us to look at how we deliver the curriculum. A letter went out to parishioners about this topic. Bishop Kettler wants a Catholic School System. Fr. also shared that he is a proponent of "Fair Share" for tuition. He wants teachers to be paid justly.

 v. Fr. Ron-Long Range Planning-things to think about-What's our mission statement? What are our goals? We will work on this for next time. See attached samples.

Open Session-Al asked for approval for a gift certificate to the Pearl Lake Lodge for Larry Krippner for his services in the amount of \$150.

Fr. Ron asked about mass on St. Patrick's Day Parade. It is very difficult to get to church on that day.

Next meeting date: March 12th, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00