

## **ALL SAINTS PARISH COUNCIL EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES – November 7, 2011**

### **1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

#### **IN ATTENDANCE –**

Ex-Officio Members Father Timock and Sr. JoAnn, Ginny Bigsby – President, Joe Maki – Vice President, Mary Knoch – Secretary, Committee Chairpersons: Bob Aschbacher – Liturgy and Spiritual Life, Cheryl Goc – Religious Education Formation, Marcia Silta – Parish Social Life, Mary Bosk and Bob DeCamp – Members at Large

#### **1.A – DIOCESAN PASTORAL COUNCIL (DPC)**

Dennis and Carolyn Winter, representing the DPC, introduced the executive council to the function of this body in the Diocese of Marquette. Our main concern was our extremely high assessment from UPSCA during these hard economic times. They also inquired whether Father Timock was doing any training of the parishioners for the new missal. Sister JoAnn and others have attended workshops addressing this and Father is busy practicing for the changes in the liturgy which will largely affect him. They also inquired about our religious education program and were informed that both the adult religious education and the youth religious education were well attended and doing well.

### **2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES OF September 6, 2011 MEETING**

### **3. COMMISSION REPORTS**

#### **3.1 Administration/Finance Commission –**

Dan's Lawn Service will have the contract for snow removal. Collections are down about 11.5%. The three tiered Allen organ has been chosen. It was also agreed to appeal to parishioners in a letter to contribute to a building/capital fund which could replenish the savings account for future needs. The roof will need replacing in the not too distant future. A new refrigerator is needed in the rectory. UPSCA pledges are down dramatically. Harvest Dinner and Bazaar were successful but profits are a bit less than last year.

#### **3.2 Liturgy / Spiritual Life Commission –**

Art and environment reported that plans are being made for Advent. Bernie Harris asked Father to ask all Commissions to try and have at least one representative at the Parish retreat which is scheduled for December 2,3 and 4. The Mass of Remembrance will be held at 7:00 on Nov. 8. Plans are being made for the Tag Tree .

#### **3.3 Religious Education/ Formation Commission**

Little church has an enrollment of 28 children. There are 12 second graders as well as 9 older student communicants anticipated. There are 21 students in grades 8 – 12 who are involved in the Wednesday night Teen Scripture Study. The annual cookie bake is set for Dec. 11. About 60 adults are involved in the Great Adventure Scripture Study Series. Father is seeking a dedicated coordinator to facilitate plans for a trip to World Youth Day in 2014 in Rio.

**3.4 Parish Social Life Commission** – no report

**3.5 Parish Services Commission** – no report

**3.6 Community Service Commission** - no report

#### **4. CURRENT BUSINESS**

**4.1 Church Organ** – Father will be sending out a letter in December asking for memorial contributions or donations to be made toward the purchase of the organ.

**4.2 Tower Repair** - There was water damage in the church caused by leakage near the bell tower. It was noted that the tower is deteriorating. It has been fixed for now but will need more extensive repairs in the future.

**4.3 UPSCA** – We will have to take \$35,000 out of savings to meet our UPSCA assessment. Father will be sending out a reminder to parishioners about making their UPSCA pledge

#### **5. NEW BUSINESS**

Joan Paul contacted Father about the use of a room in the Center for diabetes education. Father is in favor of having the rooms used but it cannot conflict with current use.

**6. TITHING** – No meeting was held to decide on the tithes. It was suggested that the percentage of the tithe that goes toward scholarships be discussed by the tithing committee. Not as many students are attending Catholic Colleges . Also the percentage that the parish gives as a tithe might also be addressed in the future.

#### **7. COMMENTS/QUESTIONS/SUGGESTIONS**

The estimate we currently have to repair our stained glass windows is \$130,000. Father has been contacted by several businesses that do stained glass repair. Since the diocese requires 2 bids on any large project, Father is going to contact Willet-Hause out of Winona, MN which offers free estimates on the cost of stained glass repair.

#### **8. PARISH CALENDAR/UPCOMING EVENTS**

November 8 – Mass of Remembrance – 7:00 P.M.

November 20 – Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service - 7:00 United Evangelical Church

November 24 – Community Thanksgiving Dinner – Escanaba Senior High

#### **9. NEXT MEETING - December 5, 2011**

#### **10. ADJOURNMENT- Meeting adjourned at 8:50**

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Knoch

Secretary