

Sacred Heart Parish Council Meeting

August 14, 2025 5:00 pm

MINUTES

Opening Prayer

- The regular meeting of the SACRED HEART PARISH COUNCIL was called to order at 5:08 pm on August 14, 2025. Fr. Ben gave opening prayer

Roll Call

- Present: Fr. Ben, Clifford Nankervis, James Schwab, Ted Rolof, Mary Mervar, Tom Kurkowski, Diane Richards
- Absent: Kerry Pontis

Approval of minutes from June

1st – Fr. Ben 2nd - Tom

Statements from Parishioners

None

Faith formation/Education

- Faith Formation: High School – 6:30-8pm; K-8 – 5:30-7pm. Parish will pay for 1st month of meals will adjust after that. Totus Tous was well received.
- Sacred Heart School: 56 students enrolled, all grades have teachers. Mary Swartz will be teaching grade 1 & 2 with help from Sr Linda.

Building and Grounds

- Drain – will get done before snow hits
- Basement floor – leave on agenda but just put onto list of “to dos”. Not high priority
- Security cameras installed in chapel – leave on agenda, will get to. Timed locks are on all doors
- Office – being worked on, need to get electrician there. Bathroom fans are a priority. Done mid-Sept
- Property next door, not going to purchase – cost prohibitive. Will contact owner to say no thanks
- Maybe in future, property by school turned into parking lot

Finance:

- July – up \$4,200.00, healthy investments, they are up, no debts at this time.
- Need new bookkeeper, Wayne is retiring

Old Business

- Side chapel new tabernacle – not needed, Fr will discuss with parishioner who requested it
- Replace Divine Mercy picture on altar with crucifix – working on, talked to Auxillary
- Property on Lakeshore Dr – working on
- August 20th healing mass at Holy Name at 6pm, no food
- August 29 evening prayer for Baraga Days – will have food
- August 30 Baraga Days in Houghton
- September 13th Anniversary mass for Sacred Heart Church – scheduled with Bishop
- Bishop Baraga – under discussion with Bishop
- A/C in church – building & grounds will get bids for maybe 2026

New Business

- What is role of parish council? Discussion followed

Adjournment

- Next Parish Council meeting will be September 11, at 5:00 pm.
- Final prayer offered by __Fr. Ben_____

Motion to adjourn

1st – __Ted_____ 2nd - _____Tom_____

Submitted by _____Mary_____ Date _____7/29/2025_____