

St. Charles
Parish Council Minutes
March 10, 2016

Fr. Bob opened the meeting with leading the group in praying the Our Father.

Members present: Kevin Lachmund, Bryce Sexton, and Todd Wetli. Also, present was Father Bob and Nancy Brost.

Members reviewed the minutes from the September 12, 2015 meeting. Kevin made the motion to approve the minutes and Todd second the motion. The minutes were approved.

Bryce reported the status of the removal of Ralph Manier's property. Bryce originally asked the Diocese for the approval to spend \$45,000. A group of both Finance committee and Parish Council members looked at the property a couple weeks ago after Sunday morning Mass. It was the consensus of the group as they are tearing down the house to also tear down the garage as it is not in that good of condition. Bryce will contact Gordon Slack, the Financial Officer for the Diocese, to get the additional approval of the extra money needed for the project. Bryce will contact the members of the Finance committee to get their approval also. Nancy will contact NIPCO to have the electric disconnected on the garage. The Otterbein Fire Department will be using the house on March 19 for a Search & Rescue training.

Father thanked Jim (and Sally) Stacey for the wonderful workmanship of the rail Jim made and installed for the sanctuary.

On February 4, a group met at St. Charles for an initial meeting on Uniting in Heart, which was started on the Diocesan Level by Bishop Doherty. Father Bob wrote the original 5 year plan for both parishes and the group added suggestions to be presented to the Diocesan Committee on July 28. Three areas of concern were: keeping youth active in the church, bringing back inactive Catholics and bringing the unchurched into knowledge of the Catholic faith. On March 2nd the group met with Jonathan Sullivan, Director of Catechesis, Evangelization and Worship for the Diocese to discuss these three concerns.

Father asked for volunteers for Washing of the Feet on Holy Thursday. Todd, Kevin and Bryce volunteered to have their feet washed.

Other concerns: It was suggested to replace all three garage doors. The committee went outside to look at the doors. The shed where the tables and chairs are stored mainly just needs the lock adjusted. The other two doors will eventually need replaced but are acceptable at this time. Committee also looked at the church. We need to make a list of repairs and improvement projects that need to be done in the future. The finance committee will have to approve and discuss them.

Next meeting will be in September after Labor Day weekend.

Father closed the meeting by leading us in praying the Hail Mary. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.