

SACRED HEART/SAINT GEORGE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
October 2, 2025

ATTENDANCE

Members: Anthony Caruso Marilyn Huff Ron Quinn
 Nonette Clemens Terri Ruoss Leo Weidner
 Andy Felo Cheryl Thompson
 Debbie Gillott Rachael Turner

Church: Fr Fred Guests: Holly Morgan
 Pat Keller Sydney Luckabaugh (Caruso)
 Deacon Richard Livia Lakatos Schwartzman
 Mark Moyer Lucas Southerton

Chairman Quinn called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Fr Fred gave the opening prayer, welcomed members and guests, thanked the council for their work.

Ron gave some rules of conduct for orderly meetings.

MINUTES: Motion by Nonette/second by Terri to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

GUEST speakers:

Holly Morgan explained her idea to have a once a month (2nd weekend) clothing collection at each church with items to be given to Haven Ministry/Giving Closet to help local families in need. She called her mission "I Am Someone." This will not conflict with the CCW rummage sale or the KOC coat drive and no money will be involved. Marilyn moved/second by Nonette to approve this mission. Motion carried.

Lucas Southerton explained his efforts for STREET EVANGELIZATION which he began in 2018 by himself for purposes of sharing the gospel and corporal works of mercy. He goes to town events and talks to folks. He asked for our support of this mission to increase credibility, find more volunteers to help make it a Sacred Heart Ministry, and possibly give financial support. The Council gave its blessing of this ministry and suggested various ways to proceed.

ITEMS FOR REVIEW

1. Mark reported on our parish budget – Sacred Heart is a bit (BEHIND) and Saint George is a bit ahead. Our expenses are down. New missalettes have been ordered.
2. The DMI committee will meet before the next meeting.
3. TIME and Talent – some groups had a response, some had none. Possibly not best at same time as photo session. Nonette will develop (by our next meeting) a tri-fold list of ministries to place in pews for parishioners to fill out and place in collection basket.

Ron will make sure that our website has a complete listing of all of our ministries. Pat thanked Ron for his hard work with this project.

4. SWOT strategies improvements/evaluations were reported by committee members:
 1. Music/Worship: Breaking Bread music booklets are ordered – will appear for Advent 2025. The Finance Council will consider making/buying additional page number displays for both churches. Cantors should announce the song numbers/names.
IN RESPONSE TO COMMENTS CONCERNING LATIN HYMNS SUNG DURING MASS (INCREASE OR DECREASE), FATHER FRED SAID HE WILL MAINTAIN THEIR USE AS IS.
 2. Programs/Community outreach: YOUTH -rebuild the youth programs with support of Steubenville attendance, build up a youth group (hoping for better attendance), create an Instagram app for the youth group, develop the youth group “outside” of PREP time for ease of socializing. More effort for Middle School aged youth group.
 3. Security/Safety: Increase our security committee (Pat Keller, Mike Patterson, Kevin Capatch), have an emergency response person, provide training for the use of our emergency items, have a more comprehensive guide for parish security/safety based on the copy of security/safety form from our insurance company (Pat will send that to Ron and Nonette). A committee of parishioners will be created with folks who already have these qualifications. Ron and Nonette will continue meeting yearly to update competency.
 4. Transparency/Good work – Bucknell is made aware of our parish activities – they have our bulletins, we have purchased items for them, and several SH folks are involved with Bucknell. We open our bus trips to other parishes. Sacred Heart Parish is a member of and in communication with the Lewisburg Council of Churches. Donations are made from our tithes to community groups. Leo will investigate the Mifflinburg Council of Churches to check on our participation. Rachael will investigate the school backpack programs.
 5. Parish Unity – we do well with providing opportunities for all parishioners to become involved. Many activities/ministries to appeal to all interests. New/renewed activities are game nights and craft days. Effort will be made to provide more activities for middle school aged children.

NEW Business None

TO DO: Move forward with assignments from this meeting. Andy will meet with DMI committee and have report at next meeting. Debbie will announce meeting date in bulletin.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

NEXT meeting: January 8, 2026 7:00 p.m.
Sacred Heart Church

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Gillott