In Attendance:
Sandy Agne  
Jim Dickerson  
Mike Emmer  
Fr. Tom Fangman  
Sheila Gleason  
Joyce Glenn  
Mary  
Jane Kelly  
Mickey Kotlarz  
Tim McTaggert  
Mary Pat Raynor  
Michael Thorfinnson  
Greg Toohey  
Sue Vavak  
Reannie Scott

Opening prayer offered by Father Tom.

Jim Dickerson chaired the meeting in Cathy Katzenbergers unexcused absence.

Joyce informed us that Todd Fye, Jeanne Gregory have resigned from the council.

No minutes from the last meeting were available to read and approve.

New Business

Parish Merger - Father Tom distributed a letter from the Archbishop which explains the purpose and importance of a Parish Merger all day work shop this coming Wednesday at the Archdiocesan Retreat and Conference Center. (A copy of the letter is attached.) Sacred Heart will merge with the St. Therese Parish when they close in June. Father Tom gave a brief history of the parish and explained that the make up of the parish is mostly Hispanic now as it has been a very welcoming place for them. Mass is celebrated there in Spanish. It is believed that the Spanish speaking Mass will be moved to Holy Name, but Sacred Heart would still want to welcome any of their parishioners should they choose to come here. The actual merger involves assuming all of the parish records and movable assets. There is no school at St. Therese, just the church. The following agreed to attend the evening portion of the merger workshop on Wednesday: Mary Pat Raynor, Michael Thorfinnson, Greg Toohey, Jane Kelley, Sheila Gleason, and Jim Dickerson.

Nativity Live Animals – Rich Ketter received an email from an individual offering to donate the use of their live animals for a Nativity event. It was unanimously decided by the group that an event of this type would need to be done correctly, and there is not sufficient time or any resources available to devote to this project at this time. Consideration could be given to doing a program like this next year if
the offer of the animals were to be available then. It was noted that St. Roberts does this on a grand scale every year and that maybe this would be an event for the Youth Group to consider.

**Piano Donation** – Father Tom received an offer from a family to donate a Yamaha piano to the parish. After much discussion it was decided that there are both pro’s and con’s to accepting it as there is such limited space in the parish center. It was decided that perhaps Jim Boggess could find out more about it before a final decision is made. Is it an upright, baby grand, or grand? Age & condition?

**Parish Party Theme** _Mexican Fiesta was the theme that was voted on at the last council meeting. The party is on January 25, 2013 at the Stockyards Exchange Building. Cost is $20.00 in advance, $10.00 for children & $25.00 at the door, cash bar. Cathy Katzenberger was nominated and approved in her absence to cheerlead from the pulpit in advance. Ticket sales will take place in the back of the church on 1/6, 1/13, & 1/20. Ticket Sales will be handled by Tim McTaggart for the 8:30 Masses Michael Thorfinnson, Greg Toohey, & Mary Pat Raynor for the 10:30 Masses, and the 5:00 P.M. Mass will be Reannie Scott. Ticket sales at the door will be handled by Michael Thorfinnson & Jim Dickerson._

Volunteering for the decorating committee are the following: **Cathy Katzenberger, Mickey Kotlarz, Mary Pat Raynor, Sandy Agne, Sue Vavak, & Sheila Gleason.**

After a lively discussion of the menu selections it was obvious that we would never agree to the same items to put on the buffet, Menu option number 1 was chosen. A copy is attached. Those of you that were salivating over cheese enchiladas will have to bring your own.

**Christmas Party** – Mark your calendar for 12/3 Christmas party at Father Tom’s at 6:00 P.M. He is sponsoring this for the parish council, choirs, and finance committee.

**Church Decorating** – Poinsettias need to be delivered on 12/21. On 12/16 the trees will be set up but no lights to be turned on, and the greenery on the banisters. **The Parish Council will complete the decorations on 12/23 after the 10:30 Mass to include setting up the Nativity Scene, Poinsettia placement etc. The congregation will not be asked to assist so please plan accordingly.**

**Thanksgiving Dinner Deliveries**  Will take place on Saturday, November 17th from 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon. Generations of Faith will be gathering on Thursday, November 15th to bring donations and assemble the groceries for delivery. Marlene Schneider will speak at 5:30 and dinner will be served courtesy of Venice Inn. At 6:30 assembly will begin at the Heart Ministry Center.

**Parish Reconciliation Service**  will be held on 12/11 at 6:30 P.M.

Joyce mentioned that she has had to more inquiries in to **RCIA** from interested parties.

**1st Reconciliation Retreat** is this Saturday – with confirmation to follow.

Tim – Pumpkin Patch outing was a big success, and the Sweat Lodge trip was awesome. He stated that there were a lot of people that backed out at the last minute. The Youth Group took mentoring kids trick or treating, and they will be offering babysitting for parents that need to Christmas shop on December 16th from 12:00 noon to 3:00 P.M. Their painting project went well but took longer than anticipated. The number of participants serving at Sienna Francis House has been dropping, so they are
looking at switching it from every month to every other. Young Adults service outing will be held Saturday December 8th.

Father Tom

Annual appeal has only received $10,000 from Sacred Heart from a total of 64 contributors. The deadline is the second week of November.

The corporate drive for the school had a goal of $280,000, and they have surpassed with $320,000 in commitments.

Mike Emmer put forth a proposal that Sacred Heart advertise with a business card sized ad in the Omaha Star paper. The cost is $325.00 for a year and would be placed in the section where many of the area churches advertise. A motion to approve was passed, and discussion ensued about putting a picture of Father Tom and Deacon Chambers in the ad. No conclusion was reached.

The meeting was adjourned.

Reminder – No Parish Council Meeting for the month of December.