

The meeting of the Parish Action Committee on February 2, 2025 was attended by Deacon Mike, Tom, Chuck, Sean, Barb, Denise, and Sharon.

An opening prayer was said by Deacon Mike.

Items on the agenda were:

- 1)The current breakers in the parish hall are overloaded. The wiring in the kitchen/ bathroom area is very old. We, therefore, need new breakers in order to keep using the space heaters each winter. Installation would require a day and \$500-\$600. Sean and his son could do it over a couple of weekends for \$200-\$250 (price of materials). Dc. Mike told Sean to go ahead and do it.
- 2)We are having problems with the septic system, especially with large groups there. When the toilets are flushed, gas comes up through the kitchen sink and causes gurgling. Could be a vent issue.
- 3)Maple trees on the grounds need trimming. Tom spoke to Jamie after the meeting and he will do it.
- 4)Dc. Mike said that the old rectory should come down. This is mainly because it is an eyesore to our grounds and it could be dangerous. We will need permission from the Diocese. Taking off the asbestos will cost \$16,000. Dc. Mike will get bids.
- 5)The cemetery fence needs repair. Some trees have actually embedded themselves in the fence, so they need to come down. A contractor needs \$2,600 for the work.
- 6)Removal of carpet on the Altar/Mary Chapel and replacing with hardwood floors was discussed. Many objected saying that there's nothing wrong with the carpet. The concerns voiced were the possibility of being slick if wet and noisy footsteps by people walking up there. The job would cost \$19,000.
- 7)The church sign out by the road looks bad and needs attention. We can get bids to remove it and get a new one. Sean and Mike Burney can repair the sign and will work up an estimate. Barb will repaint the outside.
- 8)A couple of people want to add 4 or 5 new maple trees to the grounds. Dc. Mike doesn't know where they'd go and also pointed out that this would require money and a lot of time for planting, fertilizing, watering... and who would do that? The current ones can be trimmed to look better and get healthier. Barb pointed out that enough leaves come down already and no one takes part in their clean-up.
- 9)Dc. Mike said that he will continue his "open-door" policy so we can feel free to call him with any questions or concerns.
- 10)Heather will make an updated directory.
- 11)Tom asked that ideas for the church/rectory/grounds be discussed by the whole parish. Individuals should not go to Dc. Mike about any changes or issues that affect the whole parish. These decisions need to be made by the whole parish.

Dc. Mike closed the meeting with a prayer.