Minutes of the Sacred Heart School Board  
Tuesday January 14th 2019 @ 6pm  
The meeting was called to order at 6:05pm, by Staci Koob. The following members were present: Fr. Atwood, Staci Koob, Monica Michels, Robin Irvine, John Amick, Jamie Recker, and Jim Gieryng.  
Absent was Carolyn Olsen.

Old Business:
- Education was given to the board, by Alice Conlan from the Arch, regarding the hiring process for a new principal. Process and applicant information given to board members for review.  
- December financial statement was reviewed. Financial statement will be reformatted by Jim Gieryng. December financial statement was approved by Jamie Recker, and John Amick.  
- Mardi Gras- school board members met with Faith Formation, for review and organization. Members will start contacting businesses for donations, and FFC and school board will meet again prior to February school board meeting.

New Business:
- Recruitment committee has been formed to try and increase number of students in school. They will meet again in February.  
- Catholic School’s Week- Activities were present by Jim Gieryng.  
- Entry Level scholarships for new students were discussed. Idea tabled at this time due to financials.  
- Staffing needs were reviewed. “Per archdiocesan Policy #4111.22, the Sacred Heart School Board requests the administration to conduct a review of the staffing needs for the 2019-2020 school year. If necessary, as per policy, staff reduction recommendation must be made no later than the regular March board meeting”.

Committee Information:
- Faith Formation- Monica- Continues to prepare for Mardi Gras  
- Parent Club- Robin- No Update  
- Pastoral Counsel- Fr Atwood. Pastoral Counsel has expressed desire to have school board member attend meetings. John Amick, has volunteered to attend.  
- Principal Report- Jim Gieryng- gave updates on adjustment of staff and students, to his role. Reviewed Catholic schools week preparations.

Closing Prayer was held, and meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm.

Next Meeting scheduled- February 11th @ 6pm.

Sacred Heart School is delighted to welcome Julie Woods as their new principal. Julie was born and raised in Oelwein. She has taught in the public system for most of her career, and is semi-retired now. She will begin on Tuesday, April 2nd, and continue through next year. Please welcome her!

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If you are new to our parish or just visiting:  
WELCOME!!
If you would like to officially claim Sacred Heart as your Parish Home - we would love to have you! Contact the Parish Office (319-283-3743) for information and a registration form. Forms can be mailed or e-mailed or you can stop in and pick them up.

Come No Nearer!  
Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place that you stand is holy ground!  
Exodus 3:5

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Sacred Heart Parish  
“A Eucharistic Evangelizing Community”  
March 24, 2019  
3rd Sunday of Lent

We may believe that our lives are in pretty good spiritual shape, but are they? The apostle Paul warns us of the error of being overly confident when he says, “Therefore, whoever thinks he is standing secure should take care not to fall.” God is God, He is kind and merciful and far beyond what we could ever imagine, comprehend, or deserve. As Christians, we are called to a higher standard of living, to be imitators of God and His Son, in the way we live our faith and treat one another. During Lent, we are called to take a better look at our lives and to look for any areas where forgiveness or change is needed, and then make every effort to seek that forgiveness and make that change, so we will be spiritually ready to bear the name of Christ when we call ourselves Christians. It is not enough to simply believe we are standing secure; we must be making every effort to stand secure and to believe always that Jesus is and will always be, more than enough to help us, protect us, and lead us home to heaven.

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Feet & Seat Collection

In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus catches His disciples arguing over which one of them is the greatest disciple. He isn’t supposed to know that this conversation is going on, but He does. Instead of becoming upset with them for even discussing this, He teaches them a lesson when He gathers a young child to Himself and tells them that it is their care for others that is the real measure of their greatness. So, we ask ourselves, how is our care for others? Would Jesus believe that we are doing enough? We have an opportunity to show our greatness every day of our lives, and during this Lenten season, we have the opportunity to take care of some of life’s little ones by making a sacrifice and making a difference. Give up something this week that you would normally do (a meal out, some form of entertainment, a non-essential purchase) and purchase some new socks and underwear for our collection. These items will be donated after Easter to the Community Clothing Closet located at Zion Lutheran Church, where they give away clothing items free of charge to anyone who has a need.

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Easter Flower Memorial Donations - If you would like to make a memorial donation to help purchase flowers, place your monetary donation inside an envelope marked Easter Flowers. Write the names of those you want to be remembered on a slip of paper and put it inside the envelope with the donation. The names will be printed in the Easter Sunday bulletin. You can put your envelopes in the collection basket or bring them/mail them to the parish center. All names must be received by Tuesday, April 16th. What a beautiful way to decorate the church and remember your loved ones at the same time.
**SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS**

Sat. Mar. 23 4:30pm SH Roy Otter
Sun. Mar. 24 8:30am IC Paul & Regina Beenken
10:30am SH For the People
Mon. Mar. 25 8:00am SH John Kerns
Wed. Mar. 27 8:00am IC James Beierschmitt
Thur. Mar. 28 8:00am SH Dennis Schumaker
Fri. Mar. 29 8:45am SH Teachers & Students
5:30pm SH Raymond Michaels
Sat. Mar. 30 4:30pm SH Robbie Casey
Sun. Mar. 31 8:30am IC Al Matthews & Frances Trebon Allen
9:30am SH for the People

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Additional Mass Time on Friday
- On the Fridays during Lent, there will be Mass at 6:30pm. Stations of the Cross will follow Mass.

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**ASK FATHER**

**Question:** What is the "sign of peace" all about? Is there more to it, then just a friendly gesture?

**Answer:** The Sign of Peace is an optional part of Mass. It is a gesture of communion and reconciliation before we go to Holy Communion. This gesture signals that we are in communion with each other before we go into communion with God.

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**Palm Branches from previous years may be returned to church so that they may be burned in the Holy Saturday fire. Palm branches need to be returned by Sunday, April 14th. Containers for the palms are located in the two entrance vestibules.**

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**Youth Choir** - sings once in the month of April, on the 7th. No singing April 21.
**Adult Choir** - next rehearsal is April 3rd at 6:30pm for Lent & Easter.
**Rosaries** - The Catholic Daughters are once again collecting rosaries for patients in Iowa Hospitals. All new, old, used a bit, used a lot rosaries are accepted and appreciated. There are boxes on the entrance tables for you to put the rosaries in.
**Oelwein Kitchen Cupboard** - We are collecting 46 ounce cans of tomato juice for the month of March.

**Jerry Beauchamp Band** - March 31, 1-4pm, Oelwein Coliseum, fundraiser for Alzheimer’s Association and Polka Club Hall of Fame.
**Baptism Class** - is offered for those who wish to have their child baptized at Sacred Heart or Immaculate Conception. The next session will be held on Saturday, May 11, at 8:30am at the Sacred Heart Parish Center. To register, or if you have questions, please call Deacon Jim Patera at 319-509-1210.

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**Sunday Breakfast** - March 24, 8am-12 noon, Aurora Legion & Auxiliary, pancakes, biscuits & gravy, sausage, ham.
**Anointing** - If you, or someone you know, is having surgery, or dealing with a serious illness, and would like to be anointed, talk to Fr. Atwood at church or call 283-9577.

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**Communion to Shut-Ins** - If you are unable to attend Mass and want to receive communion, call Carol Hamilton (283-2917) or the parish office (283-3743).

**“Essential Elements of a Strong Catholic Marriage” Day** - All married couples are invited to strengthen their marriage by attending this renewal day. April 27, 9am-4pm, St. Ludmila, Cedar Rapids. Visit www.DBQarch.org/events to register and for more information.

**Pancake Breakfast** - Sunday, March 31, Columbus Club, Oelwein, 8am-12:30pm, all you can eat pancakes, fresh scrambled eggs, fruit, orange juice, coffee, milk, free-will donation.

**Sacred Heart Alumni Association** is looking for addresses of alumni and/or school supporters. We would like to send regular updates as well as information on how you can support us. If you know an address of someone who can help, please send it to oelweinshalum@gmail.com. You may contact the parish office for more information.

**The Rosary Society** is hoping to make it easier for everyone to participate in the parish fund-raising by sponsoring an Un-Bake Sale. Instead of buying ingredients and baking, just make a cash donation. On April 6 & 7, there will be people at the entrance doors after Mass to collect your donations. If you won’t be here that weekend, you may put your donation in an envelope labeled Un-Bake Sale and put it in the collection basket or bring it/mail it to the Parish Center.

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**Calling all Catholic Women!!** Court St. Rita of the Catholic Daughters will be present at both entrances of the church with displays and informational brochures. Please stop and visit with our members who can answer all your questions. Our formal event will be held on April 8th, beginning with the recitation of the Rosary in the church proper, followed by some fun and entertaining ways to learn more about being a Catholic Daughter of the Americas in the social hall. You may contact Diana Stewart at 319-610-8008 or any Catholic Daughter member. Please consider joining us!