Members present: Cindy Adam, Denise Clarahan, Paul Fritz, Adam Ledger, Marian Milender, Curt Mottet, Ann Swanson, Shirley Van Dee

Guests present: Steve Pacha

President Paul Fritz called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. at St. Joseph Church.

The opening prayer was led by Shirley Van Dee.

Cindy Adam read the minutes from August 15, 2012 meeting. Corrections to the minutes were the tree removal estimate at MC is \$400 and it did not include the removal of the antenna at MC. Marian Milender moved to approve the corrected minutes and Adam Ledger seconded that motion. Minutes were approved corrected.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Christian Service/Social Action—The blood drive occurred August 20, 2012 at MC and 46 units of blood were drawn which will provide life-sustaining transfusions for up to 138 patients. The potato distribution will be the day after Thanksgiving. Steve Greiner will help again with this.

**Family Life**—The religious education fundraiser did occur August 26th and \$800-\$900 was given in free will donations.

Liturgy—The choir will be introducing a couple of new songs for the Mass at Thanksgiving. During Advent there will be two new masses. Mass of Renewal Evelyn Pacha will be doing and Joyful Heart will be done by Amy Jones/Jane Adrian. All these will now be in the Missal. The choir would like the parish members to submit ideas on songs they would like to hear sung during Christmas Masses. They will have this in the bulletin and a ballot box so that they will have the suggestions in November in order to practice prior to Christmas masses.

Maintenance—Paul Fritz worked on the down spouts on the north side of the church in EPP. The light has been fixed on the south side entrance. Dan Mottet and Dean Greiner worked on the garage door on the house at EPP. The sump pump in the closet under the steps at EPP will be checked to see if it works or can be repaired since it has quit working and water was in the closet. The roof at EPP will need to be checked since something is eating at the ceiling tile and leaving a mess of loose tile inside the church. Shirley VanDee thanked Cindy Adam and Barb Mottet for working on the flower beds at EPP prior to the church bazaar and Garry Dickey for mopping the basement floor with the help of Cindy Adam, Carol Robison, and Shirley VanDee.

**Faith Formation**—Religious education will resume on Wednesday nights. It has not been decided which Wednesday night of the month it will meet but will be from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The 30<sup>th</sup> of September will be the kick off with a guest speaker during mass and afterwards in the hall with parents and students. Materials will be handed out at this time to the families. The High School Youth will be meeting 6-8 p.m. on 1 Wednesday evening of the month at Kenny and Sandy Sobaski's home.

**Church Life**—There is not a lot of activity online. 24 distinct users and 1-4 hits a day. Paul Fritz encouraged more items to be submitted to be put on the web site.

Altar Rosary—The congregate meal will be served next Thursday. The Bazaar was discussed. 500 meals were served adult/children. The apple booth was up in sales from the previous year to \$869.25; Country Store was down \$314.35; dinner cleared \$3,680.43; for total of \$4,864.03 which was a \$500 profit more than last year. At the very end of serving chicken did run out and pies but plenty of cakes/desserts. Shirley Van Dee handed out a break -down of Income/Expenses for the Auction/Raffle. The overall profit from the Auction, with just advertising and sales tax on the raffle net profit to be paid yet, will be \$25,302.25. Shirley Van Dee thanked the parish council members that helped get the donated items for the auction. She indicated that wood brought into the auction \$2800 and spirits \$3500. She read off all the raffle winners. The council further discussed the bazaar and any changes for the future.

**Finance**—Income for August was down a little bit from budgeted and Expenses were up from budgeted due to the 2<sup>nd</sup> payment of carpet and concrete. With out these 2 expenses the budget would be where it was scheduled to be for August.

## **OLD BUSINESS—**

Christ our Life Conference will be Sept 22-23 and our parish has about 10 people that will attend.

Year of Faith will begin in October. We will still be discussing different things that can be done in this year. Shirley Van Dee plans to have inserts in the bulletin. The adult education/bible series will begin with 3 sessions. Shirley Van Dee will lead the one after Tuesday morning prayer service. Marian Milender will lead one on Thursday evenings. Tim and Jean Hart will lead the other group on Sunday after mass. All will have about 5 sessions and the other 5 sessions will occur in the spring. Discussion occurred regarding having a speaker at our church that we can invite other churches to attend.

## **NEW BUSINESS—**

The council began discussing the Rectory at EPP. Things to look at would be having someone buy the property. Move the house to another location. Tear down the house. No one wanted to see the house tore down but would rather see it moved. These parish council members will serve on a committee for the church rectory: Mike Adrian, Paul Fritz, Adam Ledger, Curt Mottet, Shirley Van Dee. It was decided to have a meeting after coffee and rolls in the church basement on October 7, 2012 to allow our parishioners to give their input and for the committee to gain some basic information about the different options to be able to present to the parish that day. Adam Ledger will look at what will be involved in the winterization of the house. This will need to be done regardless. A date maybe set for this or he will contact others to help get this accomplished before winter.

Comments from guests was requested.

The Closing Prayer to Increase our Faith was read.

Adam Ledger made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Marian Milender seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m. by President Paul Fritz.

The next meeting will be held at MC on Wednesday October 17, 2012 at 7 p.m.