

Sacred Heart Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 10, 2019

Attendees:

Parish Council Members: President, Harry Workman, Vice- President, Al Smith, Acting Secretary Nancy Priemer, Maricris Matsikas, Judi LaBrecque, Ann Leavitt, Mary Murray, Susan Strait, Mary-Ann Butch, Sal DeDominicis, and Cal DiPippo. Not attending: Meg Guerriero, Cliff Morin, Paul Lichtenberger

Staff: Monsignor Clancy

Trustees: Cal DiPippo

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Harry Workman. Msgr. Clancy led the group in an opening prayer.

The meeting minutes for the 11/8/18 meeting were distributed and read by the group. The minutes were accepted with one change under Council Comments: Renee Santos and Susan Strait are chairs of the Membership Committee of the Dinner Club.

Special Presentation from “The Hartford Bishops’ Foundation”

Presenter: Christian Hill as a representative of the campaign gave an overview of the fundraising plans for the Archdiocese of Hartford.

“Forward with Faith Campaign”: The Foundation’s first major fundraising endeavor and the first archdiocesan-wide campaign in the 175 years of the Archdiocese of Hartford. It is a one-time fundraising effort that will raise money for four critical areas of investment, which are “Vibrant Parishes”, “Champions in Service to others”, “Educating to Reignite the Faith” and “Fund for Innovation and Emerging Opportunities”. Parishes will participate in the campaign starting in 2019.

Committee Reports:

Finance Council:

Rob Melanson representative attended. Report given. See report (separate)

Justice and Human Concerns:

Report given. See report (separate)

Old Business:

Long Term Pastoral Planning Continued: Social Justice (reports on file). Outreach opportunities. Richard Santos did two sessions during Advent. There is still a desire to have someone present for Lent. Community involvement such as “Paper Shred Day”, shred day will happen with date to be confirmed.

Suggestion Box: has been placed in the back of church and Monsignor Clancy will monitor the contents.

New Business:

Subcommittee for New Parish Council Members: Committee will consist of Judi LaBrecque, Sal DeDominicis, Susan Strait, Al Smith

Easter Children's Event: Maricris Matsikas will chair this event again this year

Council Comments:

Nancy Priemer read comments from a parishioner. Comments are:

1. The Seminary used to have a noontime Mass during the week. Last year, the time was changed to 8:00 am. So, weekday opportunities for Mass in this area are all in the morning; Seminary at 8:00, Sacred Heart at 8:00 and St. Tim's at 7:30.

The noon time option was good for people who had difficulties in the morning or who wanted to avoid traffic. In the winter months, it was helpful when streets were icy in the morning. Numerous people have asked that the noontime Mass be reinstated. But the Bishop has said No. However, he suggested that we look into changing our Mass times.

Monsignor asked what would be a good time? Mass at 12 noon can be interrupted by funerals

2. Could the Council also look into the possibility of adding another scheduled time for Confession? I think Confession is a chicken and egg thing. Not much time is scheduled for Confession because not many people go. On the other hand, not many people go because the time is not convenient. I know that Monsignor is very good with scheduling people who call up for this Sacrament. But there are people who will not call.

Nancy Priemer: suggested that parish may want to make an investment in high school youth by sending them to "Steubenville East"

Pastor's Report:

Executive Session

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42pm after a closing prayer was led by Monsignor Clancy.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Priemer, Council Member