

## Sacred Heart Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 14, 2019

### **Attendees:**

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

Staff: Monsignor Clancy

Trustees: Sandy Braun, Paul Lichtenberger

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 1/10/19 meeting were distributed and read by the group. They were accepted

### **Committee Reports:**

#### Finance Council:

No representative attended and no report given.

#### Social Justice and Human Concerns:

No representative attended and no report given.

#### Prayer & Worship Committee:

Paul Lichtenberger gave a report and submitted a written report (see separate report).

#### Religious Education Committee:

Doris Battle was present and submitted a written report given (see separate report).

### Old Business:

*Report on Selection of New Parish Council Members:* Subcommittee for New Parish Council Members Committee consisting of Judi LaBrecque, Sal DeDominicis, Susan Strait and Al Smith reported on activities. Information about the Parish Council was placed in Bulletin as an insert, announcements about nominations were made over multiple weekends, and nomination forms for Parish Council were available at each Mass over multiple weekends. The number of nominations received was small. Because of the low number of nominations Monsignor will recruit additional Parish Council members for the 2019-2020 year. Al Smith suggested that next year the Parish Council could host a coffee hour and Council members could be available to talk to parishioners about the work of the Parish Council. This might help increase the number of nominations in the future.

*Activity related to Easter for the youth of the Parish:* Maricris Matsikas will coordinate a program for young people on Easter Sunday April 21 from 9-10 am. Activities include an Easter wreath (with parent),

a demonstration helping to illustrate the relationship between sin -soul -Christ (with parent), and an Easter egg hunt (no candy).

*Picnic for Feast of the Sacred Heart:* Co-Chair Meg Guerriero and Nancy Priemer. Parish Council agreed that picnic will take place on June 23.

*Long Term Pastoral Planning – Subcommittees:*

Subcommittee for Community Outreach: Green Day will be May 4<sup>th</sup> from 9-12. Electronic devices will be collected at Sacred Heart for safe disposal. Two display boards will be constructed for advertisement, and a flyer will be prepared. People bringing electronics for disposal will be requested to donate food for the food bank. Consideration is being given to placing a notice of the event on the Digital Sign operated by the town. David Melesko from Leisure Services is the contact person from the town concerning the Digital Sign.

New subcommittee for Charitable Outreach: Committee consists of Ann Leavitt, Mary Murray, Judy LaBrecque, Paul Lichtenberger, and Harry Workman. Council member mentioned a possible sister church in Puerto Rico that was devastated by Hurricane Maria.

New Subcommittee for Spirituality: Deacon Santos, Ann Leavitt, Cliff Morin. Consideration will be given to developing strategies to recruit inspirational speakers. There will be discussion of the idea to cooperate with other parishes to recruit and host speakers.

New Business:

*Requirements for Membership on the Nomination Committee:* There was a motion to modify the wording to the “Nomination Process” in the Parish Council Guidelines from, “In addition **all other members** will have served at least one full council year.” to “In addition **three members** will have served at least one full council year.” The motion was approved.

At the next meeting there will be the election of new officers: President, Vice President and a secretary

Pastor’s Report:

Annual report will be presented on the weekend of March 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>.

Reconciliation Service will be from 3-4 on March 31<sup>st</sup>.

New Choir Director: Rian Grimmer.

Sadly there have been a lot of funerals during the past few months.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 pm after a closing prayer was led by Monsignor Clancy.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Priemer, Council Member and Acting Secretary