

Sacred Heart Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 11, 2018

Attendees:

Parish Council Members: President, Harry Workman, Vice- President, Cliff Morin, Secretary, Meg Guerriero, Sal DeDominicis, Al Smith, Maricris Matsikas, Margaret Honan, Susie Carlson, Renee Santos, Nancy Preimer. Not attending: Martha Clarke, Susan Strait

Staff: Monsignor Clancy

Trustee: Paul Lichtenberger

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by Harry Workman. Msgr. Clancy led the group in an opening prayer.

Minutes for 11/16/17 meeting were distributed and read by the group. They were accepted with one note added. In the Social Justice and Human Concerns section, it was noted that it was discussed that the future plans for the Fair-Trade Christmas Sale may reduce the sale from 2 weekends to 1 weekend in 2018.

Committee Reports:

Prayer & Worship: met and discussed Advent/ Christmas. Masses went well, no negative feedback. Lent and Palm Sunday mass coverage was discussed. There will be an investiture ceremony on 1/28 during the 10:15 mass. We will now have 3 additional altar servers. Paul Lichtenberger presented report.

Finance Council: President Harry Workman was informed that Finance Council had not met and had nothing to report.

No report by Christian Formation or Social Justice and Human Concerns. Leaders were ill.

Old Business:

Youth Representative: Monsignor Clancy, Rich Santos and Youth Minister (YM) Steve Potyka are reviewing the possibilities for the youth representative. Maricris Matsikas commented that she had heard positive feedback about the monthly youth meeting and she was pleased. There was a comment that there are a small number of young people in attendance. The YM's purpose is to build discipleship. The groups are for kids in grades 6-8 and then another group is for teens in grades 9-12. Next meeting is Feb 4th.

Review Cookie Exchange/ Christmas Activity: Maricris Matsikas reported that the activity was not well attended. Renee Santos reported there were about 16-17 cookie participants and all the people that signed up, participated and brought cookies.

Distribution of Parish Council Minutes: Since the last parish council meeting, the minutes from the September meeting were posted for the first time on the Sacred Heart website. The minutes will continue to be posted at the entrance to the church hall. Minutes will be posted as they are approved.

New Business:

Subcommittee to find new Parish Council Members: Exiting members are: R. Santos, S. Carlson, M. Honan, M. Clarke. Two members, C. Morin and H. Workman, have agreed to continue on the Council for one additional year. Nominations for new members will start in February, 2018, and the balloting process will be completed before Easter. The Election subcommittee will be R. Santos, M. Honan, C. Morin (Chair), and A. Smith. The Parish Council voted to waive the By-Law requiring members of the subcommittee to have served on the Parish Council for 1 year or more. The waiver allows Al Smith to be a member of the subcommittee and thus keep the subcommittee balanced with 2 men/ 2 women.

Winter/Spring Events:

Easter: Maricris Matsikas will speak with Steve Potyka about coordinating an Easter Event for all the parishioners. The date of the event will be April 1st.

Board Painting Night: Meg Guerriero will be organizing a wooden board painting night. For a fee, parishioners and friends, will come to the church hall, bring refreshments and paint a predetermined design on a wood board. This would not be fundraiser but a community event. Date to TBD. She will meet with Mary to work out the date and particulars.

Feast of Sacred Heart- Picnic: Parish Picnic will be held June 10th. Meg Guerriero and Nancy Preimer will be co-chairing. Lots of discussion took place on the location of the picnic (front or back of the church).

Council Comments:

Coffee Hour: Meg Guerriero brought a potential issue to the table in regards to coffee hour. The budgeted amount of \$25 may be too lean to support the increased attendance at coffee hour. Also, to encourage people to be hosts, it may be a good idea to have a standing order with Geisslers, to make it easier for host volunteers. Currently, hosts can either purchase food items on their own or have Mary obtain the food. Meg will discuss with Mary.

Pastor's Report:

Monsignor received a letter from the archbishop outlining the 3 Financial Pillars for the church. This letter will be an upcoming article in the Catholic Transcript. It will discuss the 2019-2020 fundraising. Sacred Hearts Annual Collection in December 2017: 478 households received mailing, 205 participated (approx. 43%) and \$58,110.00 was pledged.

Sacred Heart has over 500 families registered.

We closed the year with a wedding. In 2017, Sacred Heart had 3 weddings. 2018 started with a Baptism.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38pm after a closing prayer was led by Monsignor Clancy.

Respectfully submitted,

Meghann Guerriero, Secretary