

Sacred Heart Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 7, 2017

Attendees:

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

Staff- Monsignor Douglas Clancy, Deacon Rich Santos, Deacon Tony Nwankwo

Trustees- Paul Lichtenberger and Cal DiPippo

Religious Education- Doris Battles & Joan Carrasquillo

Social Justice and Human Concerns- Shirley Cooper

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

Folders were distributed. The folders contained a contact list for the parish council members, meeting agenda, May 2017 meeting minutes, schedule of meetings, and copy of the parish guidelines.

Committee Reports

Religious Education- Doris Battle reported that religious education classes start on September 10th. There are 21 students with 1 new family. They have collaborated with the new Youth Coordinator, Steve Potyra. Also there are 2 new volunteers helping with the program. They participated in the Bloomfield Back to School Fair: distributed 50 flyers and 8 families wanted more information. Confirmation classes start on September 10th. The 1st Sunday of the month is the Young Peoples Mass.

Social Justice and Human Concerns- Shirley Cooper reported on the dates of the McKinney Shelter which are the 1st Friday of the month in November, December, February & March.

This group is participating in the Stewardship Fair and a Christmas Fair. And they are looking for the Christmas collection donations: hats, gloves, socks and scarves. The giving tree will also be in the back of the church during the Christmas season.

Finance Committee- No report at this time

News:

Church mergers and closures have prompted many new families to join Sacred Heart Church.

Parish Picnic- A success! Only complaints were that the tables were too far for some parishioners to reach easily by walking and we ran out of hamburgers at the very end

of the cooking (although 3 packages of burgers were found in the fridge on Monday morning).

New Business:

Stewardship Fair (Sept 16/17):

Email has been sent out to all committees. Meg Guerriero and Cliff Morin will chair the event. PC members are asked to represent PC at the table during the 3 masses.

Car Cruise:

PC is donating a basket. Meg Guerriero put together a "Pumpkin" themed basket, all council members agreed to contribute \$5 towards the basket. Parish Council will also have a table at the Car Cruise and are asked to volunteer. Nancy Priemer volunteered.

Advent & Lent Planning:

Monsignor Clancy would like a subcommittee to plan various advent/lent activities. Deacon Santos has offered to head-up a subcommittee and Cal DiPippo agreed to help. Consideration is being given to getting retired priests to come and speak on certain aspects of advent/lent to interested parishioners.

The Christmas party last year was very well received. Planning for another party this year on December 3rd includes: Cookie Swap, caroling, and an activity.

Bylaws & Guidelines: In the new bylaws and guidelines for the Parish Council there is reference to a Youth Representative participating in the Parish Council meetings. Monsignor will consult with Steve Potyra to help find a representative.

Monsignor's Report:

New cantors/ instrumentalists seem to be working well. A lot of positive feedback.

New to the offering at Sunday Mass: Cross bearer to lead the family bringing up the gifts, and the money basket will follow at the end.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm after a closing prayer by Deacon Santos.

Respectfully Submitted,

Meghann Guerriero, Secretary