

Sacred Heart Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 13, 2018

Attendees:

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

Staff: Monsignor Clancy

Trustees: Paul Lichtenberger

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

We reviewed the Parish Council Information Sheet and Meeting Schedule.

The minutes for the 5/10/18 meeting were distributed and read by the group. They were accepted with one change: The date of the Fair Trade Show: Nov 17/18 to Nov 10/11.

Committee Reports:

Prayer & Worship: Paul Lichtenberger presented a report. There are no RCIA candidates so there is no change to Easter Vigil masses. We will continue morning prayer through holy week. It was noted that Prayer & Worship does not include "Adult Education". It was suggested that Parish Council could form a committee. The Parish Forum was held in August. There were more than 50 people in attendance. Comments were good. Feedback was sent to the Archdiocese. Starting Sept 6th, there will be new Extra Ordinary Ministers and (5) new lectors. It was suggested that as part of "long range planning" subcommittees could be formed for an enhanced music program, Rosary in the community, and RCIA. Council member, Meg Guerriero, added that area Catholic Churches are advertising for new members and for people wanting to become Catholics.

Christian Formation:

Religious Education/ Youth Ministry: Doris Battle presented the report. Sept 9 was the first day of CCD, so far 33 kids are signed up with 2 additional pending: 22 families with 2 new volunteers, approx. 5-10 children per class. There will be students making Confirmation in 2019. CCD families have a meeting on 10/28/18 and an Advent/Lent retreat is being planned.

Finance Council:

No representative attended. No report given.

Justice and Human Concerns:

The Fall sale is scheduled for Nov 10 & 11. Friday night meals for the McKinney Shelter will be on Nov 2, Dec 7, Jan 4, Feb 1. There will be a collection in November for hats, socks, scarves and gloves for the shelter.

Old Business:

Parish Picnic: Overall, picnic was well-attended. One area of concern was that food donations were lacking and we ran out of food. It was noted that we can increase the food that the church purchases for

the picnic and the leftover could be sold or saved for youth group. We will discuss in the Spring before Summer break.

Pastoral Planning Continued: A subcommittee consisting of Al Smith, Cliff Morin, Harry Workman, Sal DeDominicis, Steve Potyra, met several times in June to discuss long range planning. Some new working groups will be formed: Music: Cliff Morin, Janet Lamenzo and Ann; Action: Ann Leavitt, Mary Ann Butch, Susan Strait, Mary Murray. There was discussion of ways to increase the charitable outreach of the Parish. This will require discussion with the Social Justice and Human Concerns ministry. We need a "Continuing Education" committee that will provide: spiritual development, retreats, speakers, Adult Catholic Education/ sacraments, prayer. Also, a question proposed: Who is going to fund the ideas? For activities deemed crucial to the Parish, it was stated that support will be found. The Council discussed and approved the general goals for long term planning.

The goals are as follows:

1. Enhance charitable outreach
2. Attract new people to the parish, including young adults and families
3. Be more visible in the community
4. Improve communication
5. Enhance the long term viability of church ministries and committees
6. Ensure the spiritual health of the Parish and enhance the worship experience

New Business:

Stewardship Sundays: Harry Workman and Meg Guerriero worked on finding a new way to highlight the churches various ministries. We are going to try giving each ministry/ committee a weekend, where representatives will be available in the back of the church for Saturday vigil mass and Sunday 8am mass. At the Sunday 10:15 mass, the ministry would host coffee hour. It will continue to be a work in progress for the whole year and into 2019.

Council Comments:

Council members would like to see more community involvement such as Paper shred day, church trips, etc. Mary Murray, Ann Leavitt, Susan Strait and Mary Ann Butch will be working on putting proposals together.

A few concerns in regards to volunteers, it seems that some council members have heard complaints of parishioners offering to volunteer and then never hearing back from anyone. We need to be more responsive to potential volunteers.

Pastor's Report:

October Annual collection for building repairs.

A letter has come from the archbishop, asking for the Prayer to St Michael be read during mass. And once a week, an hour of adoration.

Every 3 years, there is an audit to the investment account to be sure investments are made in approved funds. There could be changes in the way investments are organized for the parish.

RCIA is having a workshop and Deacon Santos will be attending the training.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Meghann Guerriero, Secretary