

## Sacred Heart Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 19, 2019

### **Attendees:**

Parish Council Members: President, Al Smith, Vice- President, Sal DeDominicis , Acting Secretary Nancy Priemer, Judi LaBrecque, Ann Leavitt, Mary Murray, Susan Strait, Mary-Ann Butch, Lenny Cossette, Michaela Rosenberger, David O'Brien and Not attending: Meg Guerriero

Staff: Monsignor Clancy

Trustee: Sandy Braun

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Al Smith. Msgr. Clancy led the group in an opening prayer. The meeting minutes for the 5/9/19 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 representative not in attendance. Report given that states that committee will be meeting shortly to prepare for the fall feasts and Advent

#### Religious Education Committee:

Doris Battle representative not in attendance. Report given that states a successful first day of class. Currently there are 30 students registered and two new families.

### Old Business:

#### *Charitable Outreach*

As a part of our charitable outreach, the Parish Council approved the establishment of a relationship with the St. Anne Parish in Arizona. It is a mission church of the Franciscan Friars. It is on a Navajo reservation where the people are very poor. The contact is Brother Bob Lavoie of the Brothers of the Sacred heart, and serves in the ministry at St. Anne's. He was formerly a parishioner here who states that they are in need of clothing, food and prayer shawls. Mary Murray has agreed to take the lead on this project and will organize a committee.

Local outreach needs someone to take the lead. This would include a community outreach group that will explore ways to help local residents who have significant needs.

### *Spirituality*

The members of this committee are Deacon Santos, Ann Leavitt, Cliff Morin. It was discussed that this subcommittee would be looking to groups for input to help streamline the process of selection for topics, video conference events and find inspirational speakers that are approved by the Archdiocese. Speakers for Advent and Lent are being researched. More members to help this committee are needed.

### *Ministry Recruitment*

Stewardship for Fall 2019: Recruitment for new members to join the various ministries in the parish will be handled by each individual ministry providing representatives to attend the monthly free Sunday breakfasts to actively solicit participation.

### New Business:

A proposal was made and approved that we have a "Sacred Heart Church Weekend in Bloomfield". The purpose of this event would be to increase visibility within the Bloomfield community and hopefully gain new parishioners. This would involve the development of a communications strategy, mass celebration plan, and some form of social interaction. A committee will be developed to flesh out the details and determine the resources needed.

*The current Sacred Heart Church Parish Council Objectives 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 communications
  5. Enhance the long term viability of church ministries and committees
  6. Ensure the spiritual health of the parish and enhance the worship experience
- It was discussed that there is a nationwide program to welcome home Catholics.

A seventh objective was discussed and it was as follows: **To increase participation in social activities by members of the parish.** It was approved by the council.

It was also proposed and approved by the Council that that all Council members will agree to attend at least two social events a year. It was also agreed that name tags for Parish Council members would be provided so that they would be identifiable to other parish members.

A partial list of events was shared with the council and it was decided that if a council member cannot afford to attend the price would be absorbed by the event, except in the case of the Dinner Club. Ideas were also discussed at how to get more people involved in the Dinner Club.

### Pastor's Report:

The Saint Helena organ is in the process of being moved to Sacred Heart Church.

Monsignor encouraged parish council members to return Forward with Faith campaign pledge sheets.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm after a closing prayer was led by Monsignor Clancy.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Priemer, Council Member