

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

PASTORAL COUNCIL

“The Holy Spirit transforms and renews us, creates harmony and unity, and gives us courage and joy for mission.” Pope Francis

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 12, 2018 7:00 PM

Members: Father John Forbes, Erica Davis, Mary Beth Griswold, Edith Kaylor, Ann Lambrecht, Christine Mimms, Joe Ptaszek, Beth Renwick, James Richmond, Jeff Sylvester

Excused: Sharon Landers, Eric Westley

Also present: Father Javier Castrejon, Deacon Guy Berry, Carolyn Gale

The meeting was opened with prayer at 7 PM

The May meeting minutes were approved with a change to the Stewardship Council Status Report to state that Ann Lambrecht and Joe Ptaszek would continue to support the Stewardship Council.

Old Business

Nominations for Three-Year Terms 2018-2021 – There are three open positions on the Council for next year, as well as a position for a youth/high school member. Beth Renwick presented the names of three people who are interested in serving on the Council—Nancy Butler, John Paulson, Pat Haggerty. Fr. John wants to accept them and thought the previous process for selection by acclimation at the weekend Masses wasn't productive. It was suggested their bios and pictures be included in the bulletin. Joe Ptaszek recommended pictures of all Council members be done for the bulletin and/or a display in the gathering area so parish knows members. Beth asked anyone interested in the positions of chair, vice-chair and secretary for next year to please contact her. Beth noted that this would be the last meeting for James Richmond who has completed his 3 year term and Edith Kaylor who has resigned. She expressed appreciation for their service to the council.

2017-18 Annual Plan Finalization – Mary Beth Griswold explained her desire to “wrap-up” and document Council efforts on this year’s plan. She requested any additional input be sent to her soonest and asked about the status of the two final steward updates from the May Council meeting (Catholic Resources for Living Proposal and Hospitality Proposal). The Catholic Resources proposal will be tabled and the Hospitality proposal will be turned over to the Stewardship Council. Carolyn Gale discussed her plans to have a meeting of the Stewardship Council members in July and said the hospitality proposal could be addressed then. Concerns about not having the welcome table portion of the proposal available during the summer months when many people move into the area were voiced and options discussed. It was decided the Pastoral Council will get the welcome table up and running beginning in July and will ensure it is manned until turning it over to the new Welcome Ministry under the Stewardship Council. Recommendations on information available at the table included welcome packets, bulletins and a sheet with ministry contact information. Carolyn also said she plans to have a Stewardship Council meeting with ministry leaders in September.

2018-19 Annual Plan Final Review – Beth explained how the plan draft developed at the last Council meeting (3rd draft) was given to the staff for their review and comment. She received a suggestion from Paul Abbe for a second objective under Goal 3 as well as a recommendation for a small change to the parish mission statement. The additional objective will be tabled and the mission statement has been changed to “...a closer relationship with God through the Word and the Sacraments...” The 3rd draft of the plan was approved as the final plan for 2018-19. Beth will send it to Jeanne and ask that it be put on the website. Fr. John will add it to the parish report he submits to the diocese. Fr. John also said he plans to do a report to the parish to include statistics such as number of baptisms, charitable giving, financials and number of students at St John Paul II School.

For the record, the Sacred Heart Mission Statement is:

We are a community of Roman Catholics committed to:

***a closer relationship with God through the Word and the Sacraments
caring for others by sharing the time, talent and treasure entrusted to us
being an instrument of His love.***

New Business

Parish Missions and Retreats – Fr. John provided members a handout with four potential topics for talks given by Hector Molina of Casting Nets Ministries during his visit September 16-18 and asked for members' recommendations. The plan is for Mr. Molina to do presentations at San Juan Diego on Sunday morning and early afternoon (in Spanish), followed by Sacred Heart on Sunday evening, Monday evening and Tuesday evening. After Fr. John described his intent to discuss stewardship, almsgiving and tithing with the parish in the future, it was agreed the "Change Yourself, Change the World" (with a Lent or Stewardship reflection) topic would be the recommendation. A suggestion to bring people from the assisted living facilities was made.

Report to the Parish – Beth mentioned the report she prepared on the work of the Council for the past year and provided to members as a read-ahead for the meeting. Fr. John said he would like to preach on the Stewardship Council and provide the report to the parish at the same time, likely mid-July. After some discussion, it was agreed the report would be included in the bulletin for Jun 30-Jul 1 to coincide with the end of the parish year. It would also be sent to Jeanne to be added to the website.

Optional Summer Reading – Included in the report to the parish is an invitation for parishioners to join the Council in reading and discussing the book *Forming Intentional Disciples*. Beth asked Christine Mimms to take lead on the gathering to discuss the book sometime in late August. A suggestion of having a potluck was made as well as possible sources for copies of the book.

Updates/Announcements from Members

Pastor's Report

- Fr. John highlighted infrastructure issues, such as the need for sound system changes and organ repair, which would greatly benefit from planned/pledged giving from parishioners and said he plans to address financial giving with the parish.
- He would like a section on the website called "Fr. John Says" where he can provide information on various topics.

- He received a letter from the Bishop officially naming him pastor of Sacred Heart effective June 26.
- Many people interested in learning about the Catholic faith but can't or won't come to RCIA. To address this, he plans to make use of the formed.org website to help with education and sacramental preparation as a supplement to meeting with him.
- A request was made to have a second collection at Mass to support a seminary student from St. Anthony's parish. The Pius X Society requires the student to pay a significant portion of his seminary cost. Fr. John thinks it should be approved by the diocese before it is done.
- Fr. Philip Johnson will leave on June 25 for his new parish, St. Ann in Clayton. A going-away will be held on Sunday, June 24, after the 8 AM Mass.

Finance Report

- An audit by the diocese will be done in July and will include San Juan Diego. Ed Biebrich is filling in during Jim McCusker's absence and will handle the audit.
- The BAA is getting "pretty close" and people are much happier without numerous reminders about donating.
- The parish will get a credit card.

Member Questions/Comments –

- Jeff Sylvester expressed thanks and gratitude for the condolences on the death of MaryAnn's father.
- Joe mentioned the Adoration Chapel was unattended for approximately 2 hours on a Friday evening and he had to call a member of the staff with a key to be let in. Fr. John will look at getting a lock box with a key.
- Beth provided everyone with a handout from parishioner Barbara Kemple on "Nanny (and Pop) In The Pew" for information/thought. Fr. John likes the idea but was opposed to formalizing it.
- Beth provided information on the Dynamic Catholic "Find Your Greatness" event to be held in conjunction with St Anthony's parish. Tentative dates are February 15 or 16, 2019 and it will be held at the Legacy Center at St. John

Paul II School. Sacred Heart is the backup location. The cost will be \$25 per person. There's a possibility of offering sponsorships to cover the cost to attend.

- Erica Davis announced a host is still needed for the Totus Tuus female team members at the end of July. Also volunteers will be needed to help provide lunch and dinner for the team during their stay.

Upcoming Dates:

Pastoral Council Meeting – Tuesday September 11, 7:00 PM

The meeting was closed with a prayer at 9:15 p.m.