

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, November 6, 2018

Members: Father John Forbes, Beth Renwick, Mary Beth Griswold, Pat Haggerty, Ann Lambrecht, Sharon Landers, Christine Mimms, John Paulson, Joe Ptaszek, Eric Reisinger, Jeff Sylvester, Eric Westley, Carolyn Gale, Stewardship Council. Deacon Guy Berry.

Excused: Erica Davis, Father Javier

Opening Prayer: 7:05pm

October Minutes approved

Leadership Announcement: John Paulson and Beth Renwick will share chair duties as Co-Facilitators.

Pastor’s Report: Fr. John Forbes reported that hurricane damage repairs are complete. No final determination has been made regarding the entry of the water. Waiting for final insurance coverage report and payment. Funds from past “Journey in Faith” designated for carpet and painting projects applied and completed during hurricane damage repairs. Niches in vestibule/gathering area converted to windows to sanctuary and a new cross with corpus from the old cross was installed below stained glass on the wall above the tabernacle, and the Stations of the Cross were moved to the main sanctuary from the chapel. Regular Mass schedule resumes this weekend.

Fr. John will give a financial homily this weekend encouraging parishioners to increase weekly giving or donate to stewardship ministries rather than donating to specific projects and/or repair expenses from hurricane damage.

Fr. John stated that a new clinical counseling service has been added to serve parishioners. First four sessions are free. Additional sessions are provided at a fee. The service is for adults to assist adult needs, especially PTSD. It does not include spiritual direction; although Dr. Helton can do that he would not do so as part of the clinical counseling service.

Finance Report: Finance committee leadership and parish systems management in transition. Father is looking for a new chair for the Finance Council. Bills are being paid, deposits processed and accounts reconciled as they should be.

Stewardship Report: Carolyn Gale: Hospitality Ministry provided lunch for staff on their workshop day. Matthew 25 visits hospitals for blessings. Book of prayers is back in the gathering area. A retired parishioner (Barbara Vandetti) has volunteered to assist people transitioning to care facilities. All ministries have budgets to track expenses for accountability to parish. Other ministries want to help with welcome desk. Father encourages all to help, even when not formally scheduled. "Just jump in." On January 16 Dr. Helton will facilitate a "Blessing of Disciples" retreat for parishioners active in all ministries.

Annual Plan Reports:

Baptism Preparation - Deacon Guy reported progress in this goal.

Marriage Preparation – In Erica Davis' absence, Beth Renwick reported that couples who want to participate have come forward in response to Erica's call.

Reconciliation for Faith Formation – Fr. John reported this is scheduled 11/7/18.

Communal Anointing of the Sick - Father John reported he is engaged in anointing of the sick as needed. Announcing his schedule and availability for anointing at Mass has helped. Planning a special Mass on the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes (February 11, 2019)

Marriage milestone anniversaries to be coordinated with the diocesan event schedule. Deacon Guy suggested that 5, 10, 15, etc. may be more important than the 50 and 60 milestones. Father Forbes suggested we identify a milestone recognition Mass once per month. Joe Ptaszek will help Father and Deacon Guy to schedule these for Sundays.

Mass Transit Ministry – Project was referred to the Stewardship Council. Carolyn reported that the project needs a coordinator to set up the transportation schedule.

Welcome Table – Going well; volunteers needed for forthcoming Masses.

100 Year Parish Anniversary - To be staged early this spring. Combine Fr. John's installation as Pastor and Anniversary in one event subject to Bishop's schedule with a reception afterwards. Possibly in April.

Find Your Greatness - Not much promotion for the event yet. About 25 tickets sold to date. Goal is 700. Beth Renwick will speak on 11-17 and 18. Tickets will be available. Tickets also available online. Tickets will be on sale December 8/9

and twice in January and will be available through Jeanne in the parish office. Beth addressed the question of price of ticket. Speaker and musicians are free of charge. The revenue from the event is used by Dynamic Catholic to create faith formation programs which are made available to parishes for free. The Parish will pay for anyone who wishes to attend but cannot afford the \$25 ticket. All attendees receive a bag of relevant materials and information when attending. Flyers will be available and welcome desk volunteers will be notified of details.

Ecumenical Services - The recent gathering at the synagogue was cited as an example of a local anniversary event. It was reported that Jim Helton is interested in participating in an event. Possible opportunity is Stations of the Cross during Lent. We need PR/Marketing person to get stories to Pilot.

Member Questions

Beth asked about publishing an article in the Pilot about our hurricane damage and repairs, and the Elphie Sale success and use of funds raised. Also need to publish who the recipients are when funds are distributed by Women of Sacred Heart.

Announcements: Beth reported Funeral Ministry is going well and they sponsored the All-Souls Day Mass this year. It was very well done. Discussion - Should this Mass be later in the morning or in the evening and include a reception following the Mass? Jeff Sylvester passed around the program from his previous parish which holds an Annual Remembrance Day on All Souls Day with reception and program. Deacon Guy commented that perhaps mid-day would work and Eric Reisinger suggested an evening Mass would be better. Father Forbes offered that two Masses, to allow all who want to participate, might be a viable option.

Adjourned: 8:35pm

Upcoming Dates: Pastoral Council Meeting – Tuesday, January 8, 7:00 PM