

# Sacred Heart Pastoral Council

## Meeting Minutes

October 8, 2019

Present: Fr. Forbes, Deacon Guy, John Paulson, Eric Reisinger, Ann Lambrecht, David Laurita, Jeff Sylvester, Erica Davis, Mary Beth Griswold, Sharon Landers, Wayne Crawford, Eric Westley

Absent: Pat Haggarty, Fr. Javier, Helen West, Christine Mimms

Opening Prayer: 7:03pm Fr. Forbes

Minutes: Check on record copy for correct version, last page.

Parish Survey:

Time Line

Task Force Social Ministry

Saint Vincent DePaul Society Presentation: Mark Evans spoke briefly of his experiences as a child which inspired his commitment to the Society. Mark asked Deacon Steve Andrews from Saint Frances in Raleigh to explain further. The ministry supports initiating new chapters in other parishes. He shared copies of their October newsletter. Steve asked how requests for support are handled here at our parish. Fr. Forbes explained our process through the parish administrative office. Fr. also told of new efforts through a group of ladies associated with Saint Vincent DePaul Society. Steve then explained how Saint Vincent DePaul chapters are organized and focused on people in need. Steve handed out and explained the list of steps to establish a Saint Vincent DePaul conference at Sacred Heart. Fr. Forbes directed this to our task force to consider. Members of the council asked questions. Fr. Forbes asked for input from the council. He supports adding this to fill in the need at Sacred Heart without having to invent something from nothing.

Communications Task Force: Not formed yet but progress is being made. Web site is nearly ready for launch. Father has seen it and reports it is user friendly and attractive looking. Mary Beth Griswold offered that she has all the information collected in the past related to improving communications.

Long Term Planning for Parish Missions: No work has begun yet. Looking for leadership.

Youth Ministry in the Sandhills: Fr. Forbes feels this is going well. Last meeting was enthusiastic. Life Teen and Edge to begin with Advent season. Trying to merge faith formation and these programs as those involved are comfortable with the change.

Stewardship Report: There is a need to coordinate meetings and projects to avoid conflicts. Welcome desk has been very well received and met a need as indicated by the volume of encounters and questions from both new and existing parishioners.

Administrators Report – San Juan Diego: Fr. Haviere not present but Fr. Forbes reported that things are going well. San Juan Diego would like to purchase pews for their church.

Pastor's Report: Most of the previous items were to be covered in the Pastor's report. Getting ready for Elphe Sale. Deacon Guy is helping with the organization and preparations for set-up. Fr. feels that Coffee Table Ministry is off to a good start. Erica Davis asked about considerations for child care during these sessions. Fr. asked if there was anything else that any of us have heard of that we need to discuss. Mary Beth Griswold asked if there is any leadership for the Coats for Kids program at Christmas. Fr. reported that he was not aware of anyone yet. Some discussion of donor fatigue and lack of awareness of programs and when they are offered/ promoted so that parishioners are prepared to participate according to their interests. Ministries need to be well informed of the process for announcements, posting to web site, etc. to publicize their events. Where are we with Hurricane relief efforts? Fr. will check to see what information is scheduled for the bulletin this week. Fr. asked if there is anyone on the council is interested in helping with Saint Vincent DePaul or other things needing leadership. Deacon Guy is still looking for help with teachers for faith formation. Jeff Sylvester asked about changing table/chair set up for meetings. Fr. suggests that each group change the set up and then return it to the way it was after their event/class/meeting.

Finance: No report.

Closing Prayer: 8:06 Fr. Forbes.