

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, February 12, 2019 7:00 PM

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

- Opening Prayer 7:03pm by Fr. John Forbes
- Minutes - Approved
- Pastor’s Report – Over all things are normal. Fr. John expressed gratitude to Fr. Javier Castrejon for filling in during his absence. Fr. John stated that his homilies are being recorded and are available on the website for those who cannot come to Mass. This is in response to requests for homebound/ill parishioners. Finance Report - Budget is on target. Questions from parishioners about budget problems are unfounded. The Finance Council met and established a schedule for five meetings per year. Work on next year’s budget has begun. Fr. Javier provided copies of financial reports for San Juan Diego mission. Beth Renwick complimented Father Javier for his sound financial management of San Juan Diego mission and the reduced financial dependence on Sacred Heart parish. Fr. John is pleased with the audit report and the newly implemented procedures. Eric Westley asked if the ushers could be more conscious of the Offertory/Consecration when they return to the sanctuary from behind the altar after the collection. Fr. Forbes said he was aware of this situation and has considered the need to advise the ushers. Fr. Javier reported that the Authentic Mexican Dinner scholarship fundraising event was a great success. \$6,000 was raised and it appeared we might need a larger hall to accommodate the crowds in the future. There is consideration of another dinner in May. It was also suggested that at future dinners information on cost and total number of students receiving assistance be provided.
- Stewardship Report: Carolyn Gale reported that a Meals Ministry proposal will be considered at the next meeting. All new families have been contacted over the past seven months. New parishioners’ spaghetti dinner will be held after Mass on Saturday, March 23rd. Placing signs welcoming new parishioners in the gathering area was planned, but Military families asked that this not be done due to security

concerns. The search for a coordinator for Mass Transit ministry continues. One candidate withdrew his name from consideration. There are currently 6 parishioners who are driving those who need rides but none of them are willing to become the director. Carolyn will run ads again this week. Carolyn outlined a proposal for our participation/collaboration with other churches in the Young Women's Transitional Home of Moore County. Mary Beth Thomas will pursue a role for Sacred Heart parishioners to participate in mentoring homeless youth.

Annual Plan Steward Reports

- G1:01 - Baptism Preparation – Erica Davis - There will be information tables at the Sunday Donut Socials.
- G1:02 – Marriage Preparation – Erica
- G1:03 – Reconciliation for Faith Formation – Fr. John reported that Reconciliation was offered once in the fall and may be offered again this Spring. First Communicants received the sacrament last Saturday and RCIA candidates will receive the last week in Lent.
- G1:04 – Mass with Communal Anointing of the Sick – Fr. John noted that 173 people were anointed at a Mass on February 11. Fr. John and Fr. Javier joined together for this blessing. Technicians continue to work on sound system, which is the same for all Masses despite the complaints from differing areas of the sanctuary from different Masses.
- G1:05 – Blessing of Marriages milestone anniversaries – June 1.
- G2:01 – Mass Transit Ministry. Carolyn reported as noted above.
- G2:02 – Welcome Table. Ann Lambrecht: Both new and existing parishioners come to the desk to seek assistance. It is a good and effective readily available resource for parishioners and visitors.
- G3:01
 - 100 Year Anniversary Parish Celebration – Fr. John: Parish centennial celebration and silver anniversary of the new church will be celebrated when Bishop Zarama comes for the pastor's installation. The date is set for the Feast of the Sacred Heart, Friday, June 28, 2019.
 - Fr. John reviewed a draft of a financial report for years 15-16 through 17-18 including Journey In Faith campaign for 2012-2018. Beth pointed out that this campaign was successful as our Diocesan Cathedral carries no mortgage. A suggestion was made to change presentation of data for align all columns: 2016, 17, 18, on all charts. Erica Davis asked if we are charging for weddings. Father John responded that we are not charging fees for weddings or baptisms.

- Find Your Greatness (Dynamic Catholic) – Beth Renwick: 377 tickets sold to date. Preparations are coming together well. Saint Anthony of Padua youth group will make up the gift bags for the event. A food truck will be parked outside of the entry doors to the education building in front of the Holy Family sculpture. Rain is predicted for Sunday.
- Ecumenical Services – Christine Mimms is still interested in promoting Lenten Stations of the Cross as an ecumenical event. Beth presented an article from *The Pilot* concerning a new group in the area focused on helping the homeless population in Moore County. The group, Lifting Lives, is just getting started. Christine agreed to evaluate ways Sacred Heart might be supportive of this organization.

Member Questions/Comments

Erica Davis asked about the homeless/beggars in the parking lot following Masses. Discussion was held of the possible reasons and solutions to this situation. Fr. John opined that it was an opportunity for parishioners to live the Gospel in how they respond to those who present their needs on church property.

Erica Davis reported that there is a growing need for additional volunteers, teachers and substitutes to provide for the increased participation in religious education. The rosters are full, but some do not participate fully. Can those on wait list be taken to fill the absences?

Beth suggested that the open Youth Council position on the Pastoral Council could be filled by someone from that group. Beth stated that she and Pat Haggerty had spoken with Helen West of the Youth Council. She is interested in serving on the council. Fr. John agreed.

Christine Mimms asked if the Lenten Stations of the Cross observance could be advertised in *The Pilot*. Fr. John approved.

Beth asked about the status of an article on the success of the Women of Sacred Heart Elphie Sale. Pat Haggerty stated he submitted the article, but it is up to *The Pilot* to decide when contributed articles are published. Beth suggested an article be done on the renovations and new appearance of the church following the hurricane damage as well. Eric Reisinger offered to provide a contact for the online local newspaper.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:35pm

Upcoming Dates: Pastoral Council Meeting – Tuesday, March 12 at 7:00 PM