

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, October 9, 2018

Members: Father John Forbes, Beth Renwick, Erica Davis, Mary Beth Griswold, Pat Haggerty, Ann Lambrecht, Christine Mimms, John Paulson, Joe Ptaszek, Eric Reisinger, Jeff Sylvester, Eric Westley, Carolyn Gale, Stewardship Council. Deacon Guy Berry (following another meeting).

Excused: Sharon Landers

Opening Prayer: 7:10pm

Review of June minutes via email

Introduction of New Members: Beth Renwick introduced new members John Paulson, Pat Haggerty and Eric Reisinger.

Old Business

Summer Reading: 8-9 participants. Fr. Forbes asked what could be brought to Sacred Heart as a result of this exchange. Beth described a St. Catherine of Sienna *Called and Gifted* seminar for parishes. It is being offered in January at St. Thomas More in Chapel Hill. Christine Mimms volunteered to evaluate the seminar for use at Sacred Heart. Fr. Forbes offered to cover the registration cost.

New Business

- Orientation: Beth referred to the Pastoral Council notebooks and called attention to the need for updates to the roster and calendar and briefly noted information within the reference books. New members received name tags and notebooks. Beth asked Fr. Forbes to review the basis and requirements for the Pastoral Council especially for the benefit of new members. He described it as a representative group of parishioners who define needs and communicate with the Pastor. Moreover, he explained that a pastoral council is not required by Canon Law as a Finance Council is but is required within the Diocese of Raleigh.
- Annual Plan Monitoring and Stewards: Fr. Forbes described a process to inform parish planning efforts he called, “Dreaming With the Parish,” a process

of soliciting parishioners input through a survey posing the question: “It would be a great and wonderful thing if someday Sacred Heart Parish could or had ...” Father also reviewed the current plan and the progress the staff has made in some areas.

- Goal 1: Objective 1 - Baptism Preparation underway with Dcn Guy Berry – Erica Davis, steward
- Goal 1: Objective 2 – Marriage Preparation – Erica Davis, steward. Father John specifically asked for help in identifying couples to assist.
- Goal 1: Objective 3 – Reconciliation for Faith Formation – Fr. Forbes
- Goal 1: Objective 4 – Mass with communal Anointing of the Sick – Eric Reisinger, steward
- Goal 1: Objective 5 – Blessing of Marriages at significant milestone anniversaries with Diocese. Noted that Diocese will hold Mass October 20, 2018. – Joe Ptaszek, steward
- Goal 2: Objective 1 – Mass transit ministry. Discussion; needs a coordinator. No steward; suggestion to refer to Stewardship Council.
- Goal 2: Objective 2 – Welcome Table. Ann Lambrecht, steward
- Goal 3: Objective 1
 - 100 Year Anniversary/Parish Celebration – Jeff Sylvester
 - Find Your Greatness (Dynamic Catholic) – Beth Renwick
 - Ecumenical Services – Christine Mimms
- Christine passed a copy of the new ministry handbook for all members to see.
- Other members were encouraged to consider annual plan goals and identify those they would steward or co-steward. Joe Ptaszek and Anne Lambrecht continue to represent the Pastoral Council and act in support of the Stewardship Council.
- Beth solicited volunteers for leadership positions on the Council. Fr. Forbes explained organization and procedures going forward that would reduce obligations of time. Beth offered that she would continue to lead meetings and follow a general agenda but would serve more as a facilitator than a leader or chairman. Vice-Chair Mary Beth Griswold declined to take the chairmanship but intends to serve out her term as a member.

Pastor’s Report

Fr. John reported that there is “a lot going on” and he has received favorable comments on what has been done so far. Storm damage is being repaired and general painting and carpet replacement will be done during this

time to take advantage of the opportunity to do so without adding another intrusion in the future. Funding for painting and carpet replacement was budgeted in the past so there is no unanticipated impact on the current budget. In addition, new windows have been installed in the niches in the wall separating the gathering area from the sanctuary. High quality golden oak finished vinyl flooring that will match the existing doors and moldings along with walk-off mats will replace the carpeting in the gathering area. The organ is being cleaned and serviced, a costly endeavor but for such a valuable instrument a necessary expense, especially since the pipes were removed to protect them from damage and dust from repairs. Father answered questions regarding the speakers in the sanctuary: They will not be moved. A new cross that is more proportionally accurate will be suspended forward of the back wall. The corpus from the existing cross will be moved to the new cross. Father is also searching for a smaller ambo to be placed closer to the altar to replace the current ambo. There is still no determination on the source of the water that caused all the damage. The current thought is that the damage was caused by wind driven rain that penetrated the exterior brick facing.

A human resource consultant will be meeting with the parish staff to improve the effective functioning of those employees.

The mission at San Juan Diego is going well. They are close to moving in to the new buildings on that campus.

Father is looking for a new finance council chair to replace Tom Fagan who is stepping down. The parish budget is on track. We met our BAA goal for the year.

Announcements

Beth announced that tickets are available online, by phone and in hand for the ***Find Your Greatness*** event February 17, 2019 (With St. Anthony's hope to sell 700)

Beth gave advance copies of Matthew Kelly's latest book, *The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity*, to all members. The parish has ordered copies to be given away at all Christmas Masses.

Adjourned: 8:45pm

Upcoming Dates: Pastoral Council Meeting – Tuesday, November 6, 7:00 PM

After adjournment, new member John Paulson volunteered to serve as Vice-chair. Since it was established that a chair and vice-chair were not necessary, Beth accepted John's offer to serve but in the capacity of co-facilitator.