

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, April 23, 2019 7:00 PM

Members: Father John Forbes, Mary Beth Griswold, Pat Haggerty, Ann Lambrecht, Christine Mimms, John Paulson, Joe Ptaszek, Eric Reisinger, Beth Renwick, Jeff Sylvester, Helen West, Eric Westley, Stewardship Council Chair Carolyn Gale

Excused: Erica Davis, Sharon Landers, Finance Council Chair Edith Kaylor, Deacon Guy Berry, Father Javier Castrejon

Opening Prayer: 7:00, Fr. John Forbes

Minutes: Corrected to add Helen West to roster

Pastor’s Report: Fr. John reported that he expected Paul Abbe to address faith formation for youth and that he would like to add a mentoring program by grandparents for youth limited to boys and grandfathers beginning this year and expanded to include girls and grandmothers next year. Fr. John has concerns that the program is limited to males and that he disagrees with the approach of separating boys and girls for mentoring. Helen West expressed the same concerns that Fr. John stated about a segregated program. Fr. John expressed concern with recruiting mentors. Mary Beth Griswold added that, “mentors don’t have to look like you” and a program should have an expanded, more inclusive approach. In response to Beth Renwick’s question of Helen West on the joint youth program for Sacred Heart and St. Anthony, Helen reported on her discussion with Paul Abbe and others stating that the STAY Catholic group is evolving into a LifeTeen program but all is on hold at the moment as students are busy finishing the school year. The youth of both parishes hope to involve all Catholic Sandhills youths who attend area high schools in a coordinated, youth-led program. LifeTeen provides materials to support discussions. Fr. John suggested a task force to review and work on a youth ministry element. Beth suggested that this project coordinates with our 2019/20 plan and could be initiated over the summer. Fr. John expressed interest in having a group reconsider the best time to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation. Mary Beth offered that older is better.

Fr. John reported that Holy Week observances and events all went well. Fr. John reported that Confirmation was successful. Fr. John revisited questions related to music asking for those who wanted “more upbeat” music but not being more specific. Jeff Sylvester asked if the use of a weekly order of worship had been considered. Fr. John replied that he was opposed due to the work required. Joe Ptaszek commented on the unfamiliarity of many in the Congregation to the Latin prayers used during Lent. Fr. John commented that the changes were minimal, relate to Catholic tradition and only used during lent. Beth reported a parishioner’s comment that the music used for the Responsorial Psalm is different than that found in the hymnal. Fr. John explained that he found the version being used now more meaningful and musical than that found in the hymnal. Carolyn Gale asked about lack of Hispanic music/language in music. It was also asked why there were no additional instruments used. Fr. John explained that musicians are not readily available to play. Helen West said she would ask among the youth groups for those who would play at Masses.

Finance Report

Fr. John reported that our parish finances are in order and that there had been no finance council meeting since our last pastoral council meeting. BAA receipts are at \$100,000 now nearing our goal of \$130,000.

Stewardship Report

Carolyn Gale reported that Mass Transit is meeting the need and that annual plan goal is completed. The Hospitality ministry is being utilized well and all the trays used for the last activity were returned, full as requested. Deacon Ramirez of San Juan Diego parish will be ordained on June 8 in Raleigh. He will offer his first English Mass at Sacred Heart at the Vigil on Saturday June 8th. There will be a reception afterwards involving all ministries. Publicity will begin four weeks prior to June 8. The Mass here will be in English followed by a Spanish language Mass at San Juan Diego on Sunday. Christine Mimms thanked the Hospitality ministry for their participation during Holy Week with RCIA. Carolyn Gale acknowledged the RCIA ministry for doing a very good job preparing the new Catholics. Fr. John asked whether breaking up RCIA Baptism and acceptance into the church over two days. Mary Beth Griswold said she thinks doing so diminishes the bonding sense of community.

100 year Celebration/Installation of Fr. John as pastor on Friday, June 28th will include a catered meal for 250 following Mass. Past clergy will be invited. Artifacts, pictures from the past will be collected for display. The history of Sacred Heart will

be included in the printed program. The Knights of Columbus will be at Mass but without swords. Mary Beth Griswold reported that the announcement of the event will begin to be posted in the bulletin this coming week.

Annual Plan Steward Reports

- G1:O1 - Baptism Preparation – Ongoing
- G1:O2 – Marriage Preparation – Ongoing
- G1:O3 – Reconciliation for Faith Formation – Fr. John
- G1:O4 – Mass with communal Anointing of the Sick – Eric R.
- G1:O5 – Blessing of Marriages milestone anniversaries – Joe Ptaszek
- G2:O1 – Mass Transit Ministry -- Completed
- G2:O2 – Welcome Table. -- Ongoing
- G3:O1
 - 100 Year Anniversary/Parish Celebration – Jeff
 - Find Your Greatness (Dynamic Catholic) – Completed
 - Ecumenical Services – Christine

Annual Plan 2019-20 – Ideas discussed in March were revisited. The plan will include task forces to study options and make recommendations on communications, youth ministry in the Sandhills and Social Ministries. Christine Mimms will look at the options for Sacred Heart's involvement with or support of Tandra Place, a young women's transitional home in Moore County. We will collaborate with other churches as either social ministry or ecumenical ministry. Fr. John questioned participation with Habitat for Humanity. Christine Mimms offered the ecumenical ministry to investigate options for supporting them also. Support could be bringing meals, offering Elphie sale items. Some of our parishioners are already involved with Habitat. Beth asked if we should tie Annual Plan goals to the mission statement as we did this year. Fr. John said it is not necessary. Beth offered to create a draft for consideration at the next meeting.

Member Questions/Comments

Joe Ptaszek questioned the lack of outdoor trash receptacles around church and suggested we should get them to help keep the grounds clean.

Beth noted a parishioner's lament that Reconciliation is not offered more often. The parishioner had suggested First Fridays after daily Mass as a good additional time.

Beth reported that Tom O'Day sent a report of the San Juan Diego scholarship program's success in 2018 and offered it for review.

Fr. John reports that Fr. Javier has a new Bishop who is a friend of his and his first inclination is to call him back from his assignment here.

Beth asked Fr. John how he would like us to call for new members for 2019/20 council year. Fr. John approved placing an announcement in the bulletin. Eric Westley will make those arrangements.

Beth reported that she heard positive comments about Fr. John's "liturgical education" at a recent Mass concerning his use of the Roman vestment and the reasoning behind placing the money offerings under the altar during Mass.

A complaint was communicated that there was no comment or encouragement from the parish/pastor to see the movie, "Unplanned.". Fr. John explained that he does not endorse movies. He elaborated that he did not comment on controversial political topics or events of the day.

Upcoming Dates: Pastoral Council Meeting – Tuesday May 14 at 7:00 PM

Closing Prayer - Fr. John closed the meeting with a prayer at 8:49pm.