

Minutes: Sacred Heart Pastoral Council October 8, 2017

Members present: Mike Bradley, Fr. Steve Dublinski, Bill Engels, Lorraine Farrand, Aurora Horstkamp, Kevin Owens (president), Erik Patera, and Charlotte Snekvik. Also present: Al Farrand (vocations ministry rep.), Donald Snekvik, and Gladys Rice.

Fr. Steve led the council in prayer.

Reports from parish boards:

Knights of Columbus: They will paint the parish office house & continue parking cars for football games. The Palouse Food Pantry sponsored by the Knights. Instead of having food drives, the food donated at church on the last weekend of each month will go to Palouse. Otherwise the food will still go to the CAC food bank. A list of needed items will be in the bulletin.

Faith Formation: They are organizing videos; there are too many VHS tapes, and not enough DVD's. New DVD's and cabinets are expensive. They may have a fund drive or put a wish list on Amazon. They could sign up for Amazon Smiles and get a percentage of sales as a donation through that. There are now 18 teens in 7th – 12th grade youth group. More adult help is needed. There is a children's Mass Oct. 29, with children and teens involved. The books have been chosen for sacrament preparation. There may be a Bible study for adults; it is a video with a workbook and discussion that was very popular at **Fr. Steve's** previous parish. The Mass bags for children with books and activities are hung up in the back of the church and in the family room. There is a Women's Retreat November 10-12 at St. Gertrude's Monastery in Cottonwood. There is room for 15 women in the Farmhouse.

Social Justice: Some members attended the Legislative Advocacy Workshop put on by the Faith Action Network on October 7. They discussed petition I-940, about de-escalating violence. Any petition put in the church has to be supported by the Washington State Catholic Conference.

CDA: Two new members came to the September meeting and the agenda for the year was set. There will be a Christmas Bake Sale and a party with gifts for Harvest House members, the Baked Potato Blast is in February and there will be an Easter Egg Hunt.

Vocations Ministry: Priesthood Sunday is Oct. 29. National Vocations Awareness Week is next week.

Parish Auction: The date is set for Friday, April 27 at Gladish Community Center.

Maintenance: There is an extensive list of what is needed parish-wide. It may be put online or in the bulletin. The carpet downstairs by the bathrooms and on through to the social hall is wrinkled and dangerous.

Know, Love & Serve: **Fr. Steve** read the 2014 goals in **Fr. Jeff's** letter and is trying to figure out where we are now. Those goals will be sent to the council members to evaluate and begin making plans for the parish.

Wedding anniversary blessings: Council members would like to continue with **Fr. Jeff's** idea of blessing couples with anniversaries that month the first weekend of each month during the Masses. **Fr. Steve** would also like to bless couples on important anniversaries: 25th, 50th and 60th. It will be mentioned in the bulletin.

PREPARES: This is a parish-based pregnancy-through-early-childhood service sponsored by the Catholic bishops of Washington and Catholic Charities, open to all people. In its fullest form it would provide mentors for mothers and fathers, parent support groups, and rapid response and referrals for needs such as food, formula, diapers, housing & clothing, etc. One goal is to create a network of organizations to reach families. **Fr. Steve** would like to know if the parish would like to start some aspect of this ministry in our area. The council agreed that we should find out. We will have a parish meeting with **Tracy Gyllenhammer**, the PREPARES area coordinator, to find out how our parish can get started.

Chamber of Commerce: The parish is a member again. It will help us network with the community.

LGBT Ministry: The council discussed welcoming the LGBT community and supporting them in living Catholic faith and morals. Our outreach should also be to family members of LGBT. The conversation needs to continue.

Liturgy Committee: Is one needed? Discussion was postponed due to lack of time.

Musician meeting: **Fr. Steve** would like to meet with all musicians.

Church plans: The exploratory committee met with **Fr. Steve**. We are working on a date for them to present their report one more time for him and any parishioners who would like to hear it again or for the first time.

Snow removal: **Fr. Steve and Debbie Hawbaker** will meet with the service that did our sidewalks last year. They will evaluate whether we can get a better deal and service by having one company do all snow removal.

Next meeting: Sunday, November 12, 9:45 am.

Submitted by **Mary Sutherland** with notes from **Lorraine & Charlotte**.