

Minutes: Sacred Heart Pastoral Council
February 25, 2018

Members present: Mike Bradley, Fr. Steve Dublinski, Bill Engels, Jim Evermann, Lorraine Farrand, Aurora Horstkamp, Kevin Owens (Chair), Eric Patera, Charlotte Snekvik, Mary Schweitzer.,
Also present: **Linea Johnson**, Subbing for Mary Sutherland, Parish Secretary.

The meeting opened with prayer.

Diocese of Spokane Capital Campaign – Fr. Steve was told by Fr. Luke Tomson, who represents our deanery, that the Bishop has decided against a Capital Campaign due to negative response.

Pastoral Council Retreat: Fr. Steve suggested the possibility of holding a retreat for the Parish Council members. This would be an opportunity for the members of the Parish Council to get to know one another better, integrate the new members, and help the council function well. The council agreed. September has historically been the first meeting of the year for the council, so October was suggested as good time.

Stewardship (Time & Talent) Fair: In the past the different groups and ministries of the parish set up tables with information and sign-up sheets. Food and drink was provided at the tables to encourage parishioners to learn more about the ways they can donate their time and talent. It is important to have people from the various groups at their table to talk to interested parishioners. Representatives will be needed to contact those who have signed-up as soon as possible, to thank them, and invite them to the next meeting/training date. Fr. Steve expressed the importance of having training days for ministries already planned, so interested parishioners can be engaged immediately.

Hymnals: Some of the Music Ministers are unhappy with the current hymnals. The included materials are not well known, and they sometimes struggle to find hymns for Mass. Some of the ladies of the parish are dissatisfied as well, reporting they don't like the music and the books are too heavy. The majority of the Council is fine with the current book and worries about the cost of replacing them after just one year. Fr. Steve purchased a subscription to an online licensing service, Onelicense, for the time being. This should provide a wider array of music for the musicians to choose from.

Prayer Bread and Soup: Parish Council is scheduled for Feb. 28. Donations will be collected for children in Syria.

Apostolic Faith Church: Kevin and Fr. Steve have been in contact with the Apostolic Faith Church about the possibility of sharing some space with them for their services. They are a very small Christian Church that uses space in the Encounter Ministries building. The city purchased said building so they need to move out soon. Members asked what this kind of arrangement would look like. At this point it is unclear. There is a possibility of letting them use the annex or the social hall. St. Thomas More currently has a similar arrangement with the Lutheran Campus Ministries. Fr. Steve asked the council if we should enter into a dialogue to work out a way to help them. The council agreed to further the discussion to see if an arrangement is possible.

Review of Pullman 2040 Plan: Kevin reported on parts of the Pullman 2040 plan that concern our parish. The bypass, housing developments, and student housing on College Hill were the main topics. There are plans for more student housing around our current facility, some smaller housing developments are planned around Military hill, and some larger developments in the Sunnyside Hill area. The demand for student housing close to campus should keep the value of our current property high. Fr. Steve spoke with some developers and city planners, and learned that if the Parish decides to sell we should get a good price for the land. The planned bypass south of Walmart presents an opportunity to obtain desirable property at a reasonable cost. Some sections of the bypass are already built, and would have easy access to utilities. This could potentially be a good site for a new facility. As soon as the bypass is finished property in the area will increase dramatically. It was pointed out that even if the Parish decides not to build in a new location the property could still be a good investment with the bypass in mind. Mary Schweitzer asked how serious we are about building. The Council discussed some of the concerns with the current facilities; fire codes and safety, wiring, space to grow and the unforeseeable costs of a renovation. It was agreed that some more concrete facts and figures are required before any decision is made, but if we want to build elsewhere, we should move fast before cost of land goes up. A subcommittee was proposed to get estimates for renovations/rebuilding/building new. Their findings will be presented to the church so an informed decision can be made and acted upon. Deacon Jim brought up the original Exploratory Committee, pointing out that they already have experience with this project. Council members Lorraine Farrand, Charlotte Snekvik, Mike Bradley, and Mary Schweitzer also expressed a willingness to serve on the subcommittee.

Next meeting: Sunday, March 18, 9:45 am.

April meeting: Sunday, April 15, 9:45 am.

Submitted by **Linea Johnson**.