

Minutes: Sacred Heart Pastoral Council
November 3, 2019

Members present: Rob Cassleman, Fr. Steve Dublinski, Jim Lincoln, Eric Patera, Mary Schweitzer, Charlotte Snekvik (Chair) and Charlotte Worthy.

Also present: **Penny Zimmerman**, Faith Formation Board President, and **Mary Sutherland**, Parish Secretary.

Char opened the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

Penny Zimmerman gave a summary of the **Faith Formation Commission report:**

Year in review: Disciples in Dialogue was very successful. The youth group went to rallies, CYC, and more than 12 teens went on the June mission trip to Montana. Some of them were interviewed on the local news in Great Falls. The Youth Group room is getting crowded. The MLK Interfaith celebration in January was excellent; it was good to have ministers here from other churches.

Challenges: Faith formation is trying to educate for children and adults. Some of the parents need more confidence in their ability to help their children learn the faith. It is difficult to find the right times/days for adults to come for education.

Future: Will start using Flocknotes to communicate more efficiently with families by text and email. The board will work with the safety committee to improve classroom safety.

Discussion/questions: Fr. Steve asks the faith formation board to think about ways to attract parents with children at home to adult education. It is mostly baby boomers and older parishioners who attend Disciples in Dialogue, and adults under 35 are coming to Theology on Tap. Council members suggested service projects for families, and using podcasts for learning about the sacraments.

Reports:

Building Committee update:

There is a building committee meeting on November 14 to discuss facilities assessment with Brent Beaudoin from Castellaw Kom Architects (CKA). Eric Patera has the church maintenance report from 2015 and is adding to the list of what needs to be done. Rob Cassleman talked with Paul Duffau, a bonded building inspector from Asotin. He has inspected churches before. Mary Sutherland will give his name and those of some other inspectors to the building committee.

Parish Auction review:

The auction brought in between \$14,000 and \$15,000. Not all of the expenses and receipts are calculated yet. This is an average amount of income. A number of families were out of town. There were only a few families there with children. The auctioneer was sometimes hard to hear, and the seating was more spread out. About 150 – 160 people came, some were not parishioners. It would be nice to have a timetable of when the different auctions start.

Safety Committee:

It hasn't met recently. Members are working on various items. Fr. Steve noted that a diocesan insurance representative inspected the church recently. Her company has apps that teachers and others can put on their phones that help them know what to do in case of a fire or other emergency. The apps can be customized for your particular situation. Members discussed the value of offering classes in first aid, etc. The only Mass that doesn't have medical personal in regular attendance is the 7 a.m. Sunday Mass. Some committee members, faith formation board members and staff are planning to meet with the Pullman fire marshal.

Feedback on State of the Parish Report:

Members heard mostly positive feedback. Mary Sutherland received one letter about whether it is advisable to try to build a new church, which she forwarded to the building committee. Some parishioners were confused about whether we are buying land or staying here, but that is because we haven't decided yet and won't without parish input. There should be a note in the bulletin that the report is on our website. Char Snekvik thanked Fr. Steve and Mary Sutherland for helping her to write the report, and Eric Patera for giving the report at 7 a.m. Sunday Mass.

Advent/Christmas schedule:

We need to contact the other priests and set a date for an Advent Reconciliation service. There will not be a midnight Mass this year. Last year's had very low attendance.

Eric Patera, Vice Chair, will take over for Char Snekvik, Chair, during the next few months as her husband, Don, battles sarcoma. The meeting closed with a prayer for Don.

Next meeting: Sunday, December 8, 9:45 am.

Submitted by Mary Sutherland.