

**Minutes: Sacred Heart Pastoral Council -
March 10, 2019**

Members present: Mike Bradley, Fr. Steve Dublinski, Jim Evermann, Lorraine Farrand, Aurora Horstkamp, Jim Lincoln, Kevin Owens (Chair), Eric Patera, Mary Schweitzer, Charlotte Snekvik and Charlotte Worthy. Also present: Bill Engels, community outreach chair, and Mary Sutherland, Parish Secretary.

The meeting opened with a prayer.

Community Outreach commission report: Bill Engels presented the report to the council. It is attached with the email bulletin and on our website. It explains what the Catholic Daughters, Knights of Columbus and Social Justice Ministry (SJM) are doing, and what some challenges are.

The marketing committee was not in the report since they hadn't had a meeting since the last time Bill reported, but one of their projects is in the report; recycling of plastic bags through the Trex Company Plastic Recycling Challenge. Boxes will be in the social hall. The goal is to recycle 500 pounds of various types of clean, dry plastic wrap and bags. If we meet the goal we get a free bench from Trex made from recycled plastic.

An event connected to the marketing committee is ArtWalk. Unfortunately this year it is the same weekend as Confirmation and First Eucharist. Fr. Steve will not be able to spend a lot of time with it, so if Sacred Heart is going to be involved we'll need a strong committee for ArtWalk.

Under SJM, the Friends Committee (Quakers) would like to start an inter-religious legislative advocacy group in Pullman. The council discussed what is already being done in Pullman. There is an interfaith (between different religions) group started about 40 years ago by Fr. Tom Caswell that consists of Christians, Muslims, Bahai, Jews, etc. It stopped meeting for a few years, but was restarted by the current pastor of the Pullman Community Congregational UCC church. Fr. Steve attends the meetings, but would like to find others in the parish to help further develop our participation. There is a small ecumenical (between Christian religions) group, but it is not fully developed. Family Promise and Vacation Bible School are both ecumenical. It is good to make these connections and promote understanding.

Some of the challenges mentioned in the report were discussed:

Forming a dishwashing ministry to load and unload the dishwasher after parish events. The idea is to start it as part of the SJM, but then have it become autonomous, like Helping Hands did. There would be a call list for events that aren't fully staffed, or that are very large. If enough people were on the list no one would get burned out. The council agreed that the idea is worth trying.

The SJM would like to buy lightweight reusable dishes and glassware to use at events that are off site. After some discussion the council agreed that they think it is more practical to rent the dishes for events like Pentecost or the auction. Even if it costs more, we don't have to transport and wash them, and it doesn't produce plastic waste. And they were concerned that plastic dishes might not hold up very well, and there's no place to store them. However, they are open to replacing the current very heavy dishes with something of good quality but lighter weight and hard to break. They would like the SJM to discuss the matter further.

More volunteers are needed for Move Out Pitch In this year.

Pentecost: The liturgy committee would like input on where to hold our Pentecost celebration this year. Last year only about 170 people came to the liturgy and dinner at Schweitzer. That number would easily fit in the church, and they could have fit in the hall with the new tent that was purchased for Oktoberfest. After some discussion the council decided to try having Pentecost at church this year. There will be one morning Mass. The social hall, tent, and lawn by the social hall will be used for the barbecue. Pentecost is June 9, so there will be on-street parking.

Building plans: The building committee is still working on possibilities.

Diaries of Adam & Eve Play: Pullman Civic Theater has offered to put on this play adapted from Mark Twain for free for the parish and other churches in town. It is a service to the community. Fr. Steve and Theresa Paul read the play and liked it. Mark Twain wrote satire that was intended to offend, amuse, and make people think. The play's theme fits in with the Creation theme of the social justice ministry's *Caring for God's Creation* conversation and dinner, and with the next session of Disciples in Dialogue, scheduled for late spring. The council agreed that it could be performed in the social hall at some point after Easter. It would be nice to have child care, since it is not suitable for children or young teens.

Parish Group Nominations: The council would like to have the nomination ballots in the church the two weekends after Easter. The nominations will be for pastoral council, faith formation board, and the caritas committee. Mary Schweitzer has been filling in this year for a member who moved away. She is willing to serve a full three year term with Fr. Steve's approval.

Phishing emails (Fr. Jeff & Fr. Steve) and texts (Fr. Joe) – security awareness /training? Some parishioners have received phishing emails that were supposedly from Fr. Jeff (former pastor) or Fr. Steve. Fr. Steve's were from a gmail address. He only has a diocesan address. Parishioners in Moscow whose cell phone numbers were on the bulletin cover received texts that were supposed to be from Fr. Joe asking them to buy gift cards. The council would like some information in the bulletin, and a security presentation between the Masses.

Next meeting: Sunday, April 7, 9:45 am.

Submitted by **Mary Sutherland**.