

**Minutes: Sacred Heart Pastoral Council -
May 5, 2019**

Members present: Mike Bradley, Fr. Steve Dublinski, Aurora Horstkamp, Jim Lincoln, Kevin Owens (Chair), Mary Schweitzer, Charlotte Snekvik and Charlotte Worthy. Also present: **Mary Sutherland**, Parish Secretary.

The meeting opened with the Our Father.

Old Business:

Feedback on 7 am Mass Time: 103 people attended the 7 am Mass on Easter Sunday. We should have had everyone park on the same side of the lot; there were some people who came for 8:30 Mass before the 7 am Mass was over. But it looked like everyone at 8:30 found parking. 11 am Mass was the largest since many 8:30 regulars went at 7. During the school year 7 am Mass will be shorter, with less music and fewer people for Communion. We will start 7 am Mass the weekend after the Lentil Festival.

Pastoral Council Nominations – Next Steps: Only one valid ballot was turned in the first weekend, but there were no pencils in the pew racks, and ballots weren't handed out at the 8:30 am Mass. Pencils and ballots were available this morning. The council decided that a subcommittee will meet to look at the ballots on Friday, May 31, at 5:30 pm. They need to meet before Fr. Steve goes to the priest's retreat from May 13 to 17. Subcommittee volunteers are: Fr. Steve, Kevin Owens, Mary Schweitzer, Char Snekvik, and Mike Bradley.

Theology on Tap: The first one was cancelled due to the flooding on Grand Ave., but Fr. Steve went to Paradise Creek anyway, and three people showed up. Five people came to the next session on April 25. The next one is May 21. Members suggested putting posters up at the coffee houses downtown.

Fall Retreat – Saturday, September 28: Char Snekvik checked the Uniontown location. It was fairly expensive. The pastor of the Palouse Federated Church will let us meet there for free. It is a very nice space and not in use that day. Members agreed to go with that. The retreat begins at 9 am with coffee; sessions start at 9:30 am. There will be a break for lunch, and the retreat should be over by 3 or 3:30. Mary Sutherland is still waiting to hear if Fr. Luke can sub for Fr. Steve. With the retreat ending that early, we would only need him for confessions. Those can be cancelled that weekend if necessary. Mary will find previous parish goals from the Parish Improvement Project and Know, Love & Serve and send them to council members before the retreat.

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

New business:

All-Board BBQ/Potluck – Friday, May 31, 5:30 p.m. The council agreed to that date for parish board members and spouses to meet in the social hall: Finance Council, Faith Formation Board, Caritas, and Pastoral Council.

Next month – Finance & Administration Commission Presentation

Sacred Heart shirts – Mary Sutherland reported that the link to order parish shirts and caps will become active sometime this week. The shirts will arrive in time for Pentecost.

Security: Members discussed the need for security in light of shootings in so many places and pipe bombs found in the area. Fr. Steve reported that the interfaith pastors are discussing security. Mike Bradley, a former Marine, explained that guns are too deadly to use for protection. One way of distracting/stopping an intruder until he or she can be taken down is to throw heavy objects, such as our missals, at them. We need ushers who are trained to respond, and other adults who are willing to help out. Bear spray is a very effective, non-deadly deterrent. Ushers could be trained to use it, and some other trained adults could agree to pick up a container in the reconciliation room on the way in to Mass to have on hand just in case. Mary Sutherland will find out what training programs are available through local first responders. The goal is to implement this without alarming children.

Safety: The security discussion led to talking about the need for a first aid kit that is readily available, including a blanket for someone in shock. The stairwell by the church entrance would be a good location. People need to know where the fire extinguishers are, and how to evacuate the church. It would be good to have a defibrillator, and people trained to use it. Mike Bradley, Aurora Horstkamp, and Kevin Owens agreed to form a safety subcommittee.

Next meeting: Sunday, June 2, 9:45 am.

Submitted by **Mary Sutherland**.