

Minutes: Sacred Heart Pastoral Council -

April 7, 2019

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

The meeting opened with a prayer.

Old Business:

Auction: Al Farrand reported that the parish auction is scheduled for Friday, October 25, in the Gladish Gym. The auction was originally set up to fund five groups: Knights, Catholic Daughters, Altar Society, the Social Justice Ministry, and Youth Group. Plus, special parish projects were added over the years. Since we are looking at a major building campaign, the committee would like to move to a single-purpose auction with funds going to the campaign. Altar Society, the Social Justice Ministry, and Youth Group are all part of the parish, and will still receive comparable funds through the parish budget. Knights and Catholic Daughters are separate entities and can offset the revenue loss through the Oktoberfest and other fund-raisers. All of this needs to be carefully explained to the various groups, with the goal of getting everyone on board to help run a great auction for the parish. The finance council and commission can figure out how the funding will work for the three parish groups.

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

Parish Group Nominations: The nomination ballots will be in the church the two weekends after Easter. The nominations will be for pastoral council, faith formation board, and the caritas committee. Fr. Steve would like some of the outgoing members to stay on because of the church building project. Mary Schweitzer and Aurora Horstkamp will stay. Mike Bradley and Sandra Vickoren will retire. The council will only need to fill one position.

New business:

Pastor's remarks:

A parishioner donated \$500 for a handrail for the accessible parking spot next to the church on Maple Street. It is difficult to get out of a car there. Someone will talk with the city and the Knights should be able to install it.

Fr. Steve would like to try having a 7 am Sunday Mass during the school year to take some of the pressure off of the parking lot for the 8:30 am Mass. Even if only 15 cars came at 7 am that would eliminate a whole row of cars at 8:30. Father doesn't mind saying three Masses on Sunday; many priests in the area do that. The Mass would be over by 8, with no coffee afterward. We will try it for a year to see how it goes.

Pastoral Council Retreat – Fall: The council would like to take a day to reflect and discuss. A speaker could come to help with setting a vision for the parish and planning for the future. The date will be Saturday, September 28. Char will look at venues. Mary will ask if Fr. Luke can sub for Fr. Steve for confessions and Mass that Saturday so it can be an all-day event.

Coffee & doughnuts: The council is responsible on April 14. Members volunteered to help.

Next meeting: Sunday, May 5, 9:45 am.

Submitted by **Mary Sutherland.**