

Sacred Heart Parish Pastoral Council Zoom Meeting

October 10, 2020

Opening Prayer - *Father Steve*

Council members present: Rob Cassleman, Fr. Steve Dublinski, Lorraine Farrand, Aurora Horstkamp, Jim Lincoln, Kevin Owens, Char Snekvik - chair, Mary Schweitzer, and Charlotte Worthy.

Also present: new youth members Kelsi Benton and Diego Kittelson, Youth Ministries Coordinator Linea Johnson, Community Outreach Commission chair Bill Engels, and parish secretary, Mary Sutherland.

Char thanked the new youth members, high school seniors Kelsi Benton & Diego Kittelson. They will attend the council meetings during this school year, as often as possible. The diocesan protocol for youth at a Zoom meeting is that the meeting must be recorded and stored in case of problems.

Community Outreach Commission Report: (report is attached to email bulletin and posted online) Bill reported that the PREPARES group (helping young families) donated money from their Knights fundraiser to the Community Action Center for the purchase of diapers, formula, etc. They also had the idea of sending packets in the mail from the church to preschoolers – stickers, color sheets, etc. The Faith Formation staff followed through with that.

The Social Justice ministry highlighted the need for donations to Family Promise and local food banks. Supplies are collected at the church, or checks can be mailed to the parish for those organizations. Social Justice hosted two Zoom gatherings on racism – examining racial bias in ourselves and in the parish. Where should we be more welcoming and inclusive? There will be a third event later this fall.

There is a Zoom gathering on Caring for God's Creation October 14. On Wednesday, November 18, there is a Zoom meeting about implementing Laudato Si'. They will form a new group to promote practical application of the teaching in the lives of parishioners and community. This could include reducing our carbon footprint, sustainable gardening, expanding recycling, reducing driving, and inviting other churches to do Trex plastic recycling. They would like to have a guest speaker early in 2021. Fr. Steve has a friend who did research on global warming and would speak at a Zoom meeting. Social Justice encourages everyone to attend. They are exploring ways to make the events more visible.

The Prayer Service for civility in an election year went well, with a good discussion at the end.

Fr. Steve Question & Update: It is hard to collect food at the church. How could we collect at the parking lot? We could hand out slips that say what we need. We are allowed to now.

Trex Benches: – We are getting a third bench. Could we start donating them to the city for parks? With a little plaque that says: "Donated by Sacred Heart Parish"? Someone in the social justice ministry could talk to the city.

New Committees under the Community Outreach Commission – at the council retreat, new committees were formed: Ecumenical, and Community Engagement. And we are working on a Welcoming Committee. We need to let Bill Engels and Francy Bose know about those committees since they are the co-chairs of the Commission.

The Pastoral Council of the Hispanic Community at Sacred Heart is also in the process of being formed.

Liturgy and Worship Commission: Plans for upcoming Masses. We will be outdoors for the rest of October at least. The coronavirus rate is down, but still high. St Thomas More at WSU said we can use their church. There is enough parking, especially if attendance is limited. Gladish would charge \$2/person. There are concerns about the ventilation system at Gladish. It is being renovated, but isn't finished. Should we extend the parking lot Masses through Christmas? Mary Sutherland will contact Sean Warner at Village Centre Cinemas to discuss using the parking lot in November, and whether the parking lot would be plowed in time in case of snow. We will try to move forward with staying in the parking lot through November. For Christmas, Beasley Coliseum doesn't appear to be open. St Thomas More closes in mid-December, we could use it and have several Masses with a reservation system. We could rent air filters. The plan is to stay outdoors through November. We will ask people to bring golf umbrellas to shelter the Eucharistic Ministers.

Ecumenical Committee – Rob talked to a pastor friend. It will be a process. He needs to talk with more people, starting with the churches that participate in Vacation Bible School.

The St. Francis Guild – They have helped with food, rent, etc. They have two new members. Mike Kallaher retired after many years of dedicated service.

Maintenance and Repairs – The brick work is completed. We haven't heard from the roofer lately. Rob will contact him. We don't have an estimate for sealing the parking lot yet.

Fall Activities – Parish Fundraiser? The auction was cancelled. A letter is ready to go out to parishioners to ask them to replenish the improvement fund. It will go out toward the end of the month.

Prayer Service – Fr. Steve reported that someone asked to have a prayer service or rosary before the election, praying that there won't be civil unrest afterward. We did have a prayer service for civility in the election. There is a risk of anything during election time being interpreted in a partisan way. We have Mass every day, prayers for peace will be offered then.

Review certain sections of the Sacred Heart Church Pastoral Council Constitution and Bylaws: This is too time-consuming for the whole group to undertake. We need a subgroup for constitutional questions. Rob will help Char form a subgroup.

Community Engagement Committee: We need one more member to attend the youth group Zoom meeting on October 18.

Closing Prayer – Glory Be.

Next meeting: November 14 or 15, time to be determined.

Submitted by Mary Sutherland, parish secretary