

Sacred Heart Parish Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 15, 2019 - 7:00 PM - Parish Hall

Members Present: Father Mark, Thomas Eskro, Angie Walth, Dylan Kessler, Barry Eske, Dave Burgard, Dennis Wells, Justin Scott.

Members Absent: Karen Swank

The meeting was called to order by Barry. Father Mark led us in opening prayer.

Father requested that minutes from Parish Council meetings be placed on the parish website. Thomas will be able to get them on the website once they are provided to him.

Barb Forred gave the council an overview of Light of the World and some of the issues they are facing. The biggest issue they are facing is filling leadership roles. Any new members must first go through a weekend long retreat, and without sufficient numbers to lead retreats they are unable to bring in new members. Barb states that the Light of the World small groups are still going strong and they have seen many good things come out of the program. She has spoken to the Light of the World home office, and they would be willing to come out to help with a retreat. She would like some guidance from the council as to whether Light of the World is a program we want to continue to invest in and, if so, how they should proceed. The Council reassured Barb that we are not trying to do anything to replace Light of the World, rather we want to create a culture where Light of the World can exist and thrive alongside many other opportunities. Barb stated that they would still like to do another retreat and are looking, tentatively, at February. Father Mark encouraged Barb to get in touch with the Light of the World home office and see if and when they would be available to participate in a retreat.

The upcoming weekend of October 19-20 will be the second vision Sunday. Barry and Karen are scheduled to be the speakers on this week's message prior to each mass. Thomas provided a draft bulletin insert for review and comment. Each vision Sunday will build on a topic within the vision statement: Inviting Everyone to Passionately Live the Gospel. This weekend's topic will be the Gospel. Thomas asked that those who lined up greeters for the last vision Sunday get in contact with those folks again to make sure we have sufficient help with the name tag stations. There will be Saturday night hospitality after Saturday mass and Barry is taking the lead on providing refreshments.

The third vision Sunday will be the weekend of November 23-24. The topic for the weekend will be Live the Gospel.

Father Mark raised the issue of how to proceed with the Time, Talent, and Treasure push this year, as that is typically done in November. There was discussion of whether that process could be integrated with the vision Sunday process. After discussion, it was decided that we would not try to force the

Time, Talent, and Treasure process into November. We will try to get through the vision Sunday process first before dealing with it in earnest. Father Mark will give a report on the fiscal year in November.

Thomas discussed an opportunity for the Parish Council to do some leadership training through Revive Parishes, which is a partnership between Amazing Parish and Augustine Institute. We can participate in the first training course for free, which is on Leadership Teams with Pat Lencioni. The course consists of six sessions of about an hour each. The council decided that we would like to go through the first course. We will meet over the noon hour every other Thursday starting October 24.

Further discussion was had on Light of the World. It was decided that we would suggest that they get the home office on board to assist with a retreat as a way to attempt to refresh the program and help those involved feel more comfortable with leading future retreats.

Father Mark closed the meeting by leading the council in prayer.

The Council's next scheduled meeting is November 19, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Justin Scott
Secretary