

Sacred Heart Parish Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 17, 2019 - 7:00 PM - Parish Hall

Members Present: Father Mark, Thomas Eskro, Dennis Wells, Angie Walth, Karen Swank, Barry Eske, Dave Burgard, Dave Vetch, Justin Scott.

Members Absent: Dylan Kessler

Thomas called the meeting to order. Father Mark led the council in prayer.

Discussion was had on the Real Presence Radio fundraiser. The RPR folks were very pleased with the turnout. Those who attended enjoyed the program.

The council reviewed Vision Sundays 3 and 4. There have been positive reviews from the parish. Feedback on the name tags has been mostly positive. There was a communication breakdown on the Saturday evening fellowship on December 14, so attendance was light.

The final two Vision Sundays will be on January 26 and February 16. Angie will be the speaker for January 26. Mass leaders will be the same as before.

Discussion was had on making Saturday night hospitality after Mass a regular occurrence. Father Mark is open to the idea. A group of regular Saturday Mass attendees would need to be organized to head the efforts such as has been done with coffee and rolls on Sundays.

Discussion was had on making the nametags a regular occurrence. Thomas suggested that we have them every 4-6 weeks as part of a "New Member" Sunday. Thomas believes we can incorporate this into the duties of the regular greeters.

Thomas raised the idea of having a group dinner with the Real Presence Radio folks around the time of next year's fundraiser. Father Mark and Thomas both believe we could do some good "piggybacking" such functions.

Father Mark raised the idea, which had been conveyed to him by a parishioner, of having a member of each liturgical ministry give a short talk in conjunction with Mass about why they are involved and inviting others to get involved. Dave V. was in favor of a "Parade of Ministries" to both inform and invite folks to get involved.

Dave B. raised the issue of adding additional members to the council. He believes it would be a good way to get additional views and ideas. Father Mark expressed a couple of concerns. First, we are trying to incorporate the Reviving Parishes leadership team model into the council, and his understanding from

that is that bigger is not necessarily better. His other concern is that the bylaws contain a limit on the number of council members and we would need to make sure to abide by that. Dave B. believes we should have more minority representation on the council. Father Mark stated that they have asked someone to join for that purpose.

We will be distributing copies of Scott Hahn's book Joy to the World at the Christmas Masses. Thomas is working on getting folks lined up to hand the books out, but could use the council's help if they are going to be at Mass. Several council members volunteered.

Thomas discussed the Parish Evangelization Plan. He presented the structure used by the diocese as a framework for our plans moving forward. He asked everyone to think and pray about the plan, what should be included and how to implement it. We will discuss it at our retreat on March 13.

A picture of the council was taken to include on the website.

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

The Council's next scheduled meeting is January 21, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Justin Scott
Secretary