

Sacred Heart Parish Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 21, 2020 - 7:00 PM - Parish Hall

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

Members Absent: Father Mark, Dennis Wells, Karen Swank

Thomas called the meeting to order. The meeting began with prayer in the church. Thomas led the council in the Litany of Trust.

The minutes of the December 17, 2019 meeting were approved.

Thomas updated the council on the copies of Joy to the World by Scott Hahn given as gifts at Christmas Masses. There were quite a few left over. The driving factor was that attendance was down for the Christmas Masses. Chiara has been giving the extras to individuals she sees in her homebound ministry.

Sunday, January 26 will be Visioning Sunday #5. Angie will be the speaker at the masses and will also take the lead on Saturday night hospitality. Mass leaders will be the same as before. The theme for the weekend will be "Inviting Everyone" and the missionary identity of the Church. The council reviewed and approved the bulletin insert that Thomas prepared. The final Visioning Sunday will be February 16.

Thomas was contacted by Roncalli about any assistance that might be needed at Mass this weekend as it is Catholic Schools Week. He suggested having students help with nametags this weekend and will be following up on that. The plan is to continue with nametags once a month starting in March, with the idea of using them as part of "New Member" Sundays, with further details to be developed.

Distribution of nametags will likely be worked into the regular duties of greeters.

The council discussed the Reviving Parishes program. The council will meet at noon on January 23 to review the final installment of the preview presentations. Discussion was had on whether to pursue a full subscription for the program. There is a significant discount if we purchase a subscription in January. The council agreed that it is worth pursuing as it will be helpful not only for the council but for leadership training for other groups.

Bishop DeGrood is being consecrated at the Cathedral on February 13. He is then planning on making a tour of the diocese. He is tentatively scheduled to be at Sacred Heart on Wednesday March 4. He will be at Mass at 5:30 p.m. followed by a reception in the hall from 6:00-7:30 p.m. It is unclear what, if any, arrangements have been made for the reception, but the council expressed its willingness to act as hosts for the reception if needed.

The council retreat is scheduled for Friday, March 13. Thomas has booked the conference room at Hangar 9 for the occasion. Justin Feickert has agreed to act as leader/moderator again. The council will be discussing ways to move forward with the parish evangelization plan.

The council discussed the handling of new ministry offerings. The council will be developing an informational form for individuals/groups to fill out when they want to start a new offering. The council feels this will help the individual/group in discerning and implementing their plan, and assist with the decision making process.

To close the meeting, Thomas led the council the discipleship prayer.

The Council's next scheduled meeting is February 18, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Justin Scott

Secretary