

Sacred Heart Parish Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 14, 2020 - 7:00 PM - Parish Hall

Members Present in Person: Barry Eske, Dave Burgard, Dennis Wells, Angie Walth, Justin Scott, Thomas Eskro

Members Present via Zoom: Father Dickinson, Karen Swank

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

The Council members introduced themselves and gave their backgrounds to Father Dickinson. Father Dickinson introduced himself to the Council and gave his background.

Father Dickinson spoke about his previous experience with pastoral councils and similar entities and gave an overview for his model of operations for the parish.

The Council gave Father Dickinson an overview of the Council's efforts, goals, and impacts over the past several years. There was good momentum going with fellowship and participation opportunities prior to the pandemic. Father Dickinson encouraged the Council to reach out to the individuals involved in those efforts to encourage them going forward.

There was discussion on the pandemic and the fact that people are slow coming back. Daily Mass is about back to normal, and 9:30 Mass on July 12 had what was probably the best turnout so far, but things are lagging. Bishop DeGrood is leaving things to local discretion. Father is open to reexamining social distancing protocols but wants to wait until he is here in August and has had a chance to talk more widely with the parish about it.

There was discussion on ways to work on getting people to come back to Mass. Father stated that we could do all the normal advertising and social media pushes, but the most important thing is to pray. Father plans to include a prayer in the petitions for those who have not returned. He asked the Council to encourage those they know to come back and those who have come back to pray for those who have not. He encouraged the Council to pray for those who have not come back by name.

There was discussion of having Adoration available at Sacred Heart as it is unlikely that St. Luke's is looking to reopen the chapel for Adoration anytime soon. Father is looking at starting with one evening per week. They need to get reliable people signed up so that they know all times are covered. He wants to keep things temporary as we are not trying to replace St. Luke's. The consensus was that it would not be difficult to find people to fill in times as the Corpus Christi Adoration had very good turnout.

To close the meeting, Father Dickinson led the council in prayer.

The Council's next scheduled meeting is August 18, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Justin Scott
Secretary