

**Sacred Heart Parish Council**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, August 25, 2020 - 7:00 PM - Parish Hall**

Members Present: Fr. Andrew, Barry Eske, Karen, Swank, Dave Burgard, Angie Walth, Justin Scott, Thomas Eskro

Members Absent: Dennis Wells

Thomas called the meeting to order. The council convened in the Church for 10 minutes of silent prayer followed by Father Dickinson leading the council in prayer.

The council discussed COVID related guidelines with Bishop DeGrood's removal of the dispensation from the Sunday obligation for all but those at higher risk and those caring for those at higher risk. The past week was the first week "back to normal" for Mass. Attendance has been steadily climbing with about a 10% increase the past week.

Fr. Andrew has had discussions about what to do for the Bazaar. They are looking at having it in-person with a reduction of activities that put people in the closest contact. There is discussion of setting things up outside to make social distancing easier. No final decisions have been made at this point.

Fr. Andrew is looking at starting up coffee and rolls after Mass possibly the weekend after Labor Day. The Knights of Columbus have inquired about having their breakfasts and Fr. Andrew has asked them to provide some guidelines for the same.

Fr. Andrew is considering providing confessions during Mass. No final decisions have been made. Doing so would mean that confession would be available at Sacred Heart seven days a week.

Fr. Andrew and Thomas set forth what they see as Bishop DeGrood's vision for the Diocese of Sioux Falls. His emphasis is on lifelong Catholic missionary discipleship.

Fr. Andrew discussed with the council its vision for its role in the parish as well as ideas for accomplishing the vision. Fr. Andrew encouraged the council to hold on to the desire to invite everyone to passionately live the Gospel, but to be flexible with the plans, as not everything that is tried will work. Fr. Andrew discussed both passive (e.g. helping those who inquire to achieve their goals) and active (e.g. identifying areas of need and/or those who may have a passion for particular areas). The underlying analysis should be whether everything meets the vision of inviting everyone to passionately live the Gospel.

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

The Council's next scheduled meeting is September 15, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Justin Scott

Secretary