

Sacred Heart Volga Pastoral Council Minutes
August 27, 2019

Members Present: Father Haugen, Beth Petsche, Bobbie Bergan, Melissa Fekkether, Sandy Klaus, Nick Osweiler, Pete McGreal, Beth Aylsworth. Additional parishioners present: Teresa Palas-Finance Committee, Mary Jo Fekkether, MaryAnn Morris, Donna Fleming

Opening Prayer: Nick Osweiler

Pastoral Associate review: A few parishioners voiced concern over the recent hiring of Deb Schloss to visit the homebound and sick for Sacred Heart parish. Several people already visit the sick and homebound and it was felt that \$5,000.00 was a lot to pay someone, but it was explained that Deb Schloss has a medical background and that by hiring her it is a benefit for Sacred Heart. Sandy Klaus explained that she will be doing much of the same type of work that Sister Carla did as well as doing some minor health assessments if needed to report back to care givers, etc. Deb will provide monthly reports of her work for the Sacred Heart Parish Council. Her position will be evaluated in one year by the Council and Sandy will send out the job description for the council to review.

- Kathryn McTaggart would like to be removed from the homebound list.

- Father would like to be informed of people that are homebound because he wants them to feel more connected to the church.

Parking Lot Damage: Due to damage of the parking lot from someone doing donuts, it will need repaired. Two loads of asphalt is needed. One load is being donated and Sacred Heart would need to pay for the second load. Cost is \$200.00. Pete moved we pay for one load of asphalt. Beth A. seconds the motion. Parking lot to be repaired.

Town Hall Meeting Updates:

Monthly Bulletin Insert: Beth P. works on the monthly bulletin insert to help keep parishioners updated on Sacred Heart events that can't be listed in the main bulletin. September will be fifth insert and will cover the importance of an Annual Report and why we need to have one done, plus Soup Supper promotion.

Parish Life Committee will be providing meals to the homebound/needy of any faith within the local area. The group is trying to get circles going, next meeting, organization will be discussed. Father would like to receive the minutes of the Parish Life meetings. Mary Jo Fekkether is the Chairperson for 2019-20.

Adult Faith Formation: Melissa Fekkether, Faith Formation Coordinator, is responsible for getting an Adult Faith Formation class going here at Sacred Heart. The first class is scheduled for Sunday, September 15 at 6:00 PM. The group will review Quick Catholic Lessons by Father Mike and the first three chapters of Rediscover Catholicism; and will meet one Sunday a month, with food provided. An announcement will be made in church

closer to the date. Information was also listed in the monthly bulletin insert in the July-August issue.

Annual Report: September is when the Emmaus Pastorate is expected to print the Annual Report for all 5 parishes in one publication with each parish having its own section. Not only are financials to be included, but also numbers on attendance, volunteering, fundraisers, and any other relevant numbers reflecting our time, talent and treasure. All information is to go to Sandy who is working with Joyce Wheland on organizing the report.

Finance Report: For the Fiscal Year of 7/18 – 6/19:

Income	91,713.53
Expenses	88,869.91
Excess	2,843.62

Food Bank Breakfast raised \$845. By adding \$155 for a total of \$1,000, each of the 4 food banks will be receiving \$250. Clayton Co., Fayette Co., St. Mary's, Volga Lutheran Church. Melissa Fettkether made a motion to give \$155 toward the final amount, Pete seconded the motion. Motion carries. Melissa will contact Teresa and ask her to get the checks to the recipients.

Note: Parish Council agreed to give \$300 for Father's vehicle repair.

Assistance fund: A certain amount will be kept in the fund for emergencies. A total of 8 causes is the goal for distribution of the funds. One such fund includes working on helping with a milk program for Central and Starmont schools.

- There is a red resource book located in the Sacristy for needs of anyone who needs some type of social assistance recommendations.

Community Picnic: Linda Deutsch provided a written report on progress for the picnic scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 22nd. Beth P. has completed publicity for the event. Also, there will be food, games, a raffle, collecting items for auction. Switchback will be playing at Mass and also for the picnic.

Buildings & Grounds: Lanny Deitchler provided an updated written report on progress for Sacred Heart since the beginning of the year. Currently waiting on a mason to suggest what to do with the outside wall coming into the entrance of the basement.

- Insurance man from our Archdiocese is pleased with our buildings & grounds, only a few concerns, nothing major. He will send a report to the Buildings & Grounds committee for follow up.

Cemetery Update: Leon Deutsch provided the council with an updated written report on the cemeteries. A cemetery committee, with one board for both Volga and Wadena cemeteries, is under consideration.

Arlington Mass Followup: Fr. John felt it was a great event, not too much work; people from all over were there. Good food and servers. Great participation from the youth. Freewill donations went toward the NCYC Youth Group of the Emmaus Pastorate.

Website Update: Melissa Fekkether felt Sacred Heart's section on the web site is a little sparse. We need to include weekday Mass, a leadership section, and any other pertinent info. Beth P. has sent photos taken at events to John Uhal, Pastoral Associate in Elkader to upload.

IMPACT Program: Thirteen people from our Pastorate will be attending Impact. St. Joseph's Elkader is hosting the program. First retreat is September 7-8 in Dubuque.

Community Meeting in Elkader is Sunday, Sept. 15 from 6:30-8:00. Topic is active shooters and will be held at Central Community School with Amy Holst to present. Childcare will be provided. Everyone is welcome to attend.

UPCOMING MEETINGS: All Pastorate Meeting at St. Mark's on Thursday, Aug. 29 at 6:30. The next **Sacred Heart Parish Council Meeting** will be held as a joint meeting with St. Patrick's Parish, Colesburg on Tuesday, Sept. 24 at Sacred Heart, 6:30 p.m.

Closing Prayer: Beth A.