

**Sacred Heart Parish Council Meeting**  
**Minutes - January 28, 2020**  
**Held at St. Mark's Edgewood**

All 5 Parish councils met together, and Sandy Klaus gave a presentation regarding Growing a Pastoral Plan for our Pastorate. The Parish Town Hall meetings were discussed. We will be using the same format as last year. With the emphasis on our mission: **Being church by journeying together on the path to Christ**. After the presentation the councils met individually.

**Members Present:** Beth Petsche, Beth Aylsworth, Melissa Fekkether, Mary Weber, Nick Osweiler, also Leon Deutsch (member of Leadership Council) was present.

**Town Hall Meeting:** March 10, 6:30 PM

- A. Sacred Heart Presentation by Father John Haugen
- B. Review 3 goals from last year's Town Hall Meeting:
  - 1. Increase participation in Parish Life
  - 2. Monthly informational insert in the parish bulletin
  - 3. Establish Adult Faith Formation program
- C. Spirituality Survey from last year will be reviewed
- D. SWOT analysis with follow up on... restating purpose: Vibrant and Vital, be clear about next steps and be sure to thank everyone for attending

Stations of the Cross will be the same evening as the Town Hall meeting. A simple supper with Parish Life committee was discussed.

**2019 Town Hall Goals:**

**Bulletin Insert:** February insert completed and distributed; including Sacred Heart Game Day advertisement, Lent reminder and update on money raised for the Milk Program at local schools.

The March bulletin will provide Parish Financials for the 1<sup>st</sup> half of the 2019/2020 year Expenditure/Income versus Budget and info on Buildings and Grounds accomplishments.

**Adult Faith Formation:** Melissa updated... great videos available for viewing from Fr. Mike on Ascension Presents. She did mention it would be nice if more people would attend. Next meeting is February 9th at 6:00 PM.

**Parish Life** - council discussed how we might come up with other ways to get more people interested in participating in Parish Life.

**Leon updated the Parish Council on items to be discussed at the next Finance Meeting**

1. Parish Life invites the Parish Council to the meeting on March 5 to discuss the upcoming Town Hall meeting meal possibilities
2. Finance Committee looking at the cost of installing speakers and video system in the church basement. Nick Fekkether is looking into cost and will provide information to be reviewed.
3. Funds from fellowship and other fundraisers
4. Sacred Heart Game Day on Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>
5. Lagoon project for water control is moving along, property owner has agreed to sign easement. He will let us know once the easement is received by from the City of Volga.
6. Sacred Heart Cemetery in Volga is in the process of being reviewed for possible updates. Survey is a cost of \$495.00. For the platting of the cemetery the cost is approximately \$5,000. Next cemetery meeting is in February
7. Leon and Nick attended the Active Shooter program. Another program will be offered on February 4th. Discussion of action to be taken at church if there be a need regarding, tornadoes, heart attacks, bleeding and so forth. A defibrillator was discussed with a grant available.

New furnace and air conditioners will need to be considered as the current ones are old.

**John Fedeler Memorial Fundraiser** was discussed. Leon has some ideas but would like to talk to Fr. John before discussing more with the Council. A suggestion was a Mass at the Arlington Community Center in honor of his memory.

**The Word Among Us booklets:** Monthly order placed for 15 booklets. \$20.00 for a one-year subscription, parishioners that ordered will pick them up at the church on a monthly basis.

**Thank you notes** from various people/organizations are on the bulletin board in the back of church and a reminder will be put in the Bulletin Insert for March.

**Jake Schilling Benefit** was a success with \$659.00 raised. Council discussed the possibility of continuing to do more benefits like this to help members in the community, such as a Fundraiser for Colesburg Building Fund Program.

**Next meeting: Tuesday, February 25 at 6:30 PM.**