

Sacred Heart Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting – February 11, 2020

Attendees: Fr. Frels, Fr. Luis Pena, Sr. M. Andrea Falconer, Dan Bochsler, Beth Brugioni, Pete Garza, Cynthia Landrum, Sandra Vega, Judy & Nelson Kennedy, Ricky & Maria Russell, Loiette Dixon, Janie Sepulveda & Merry Blackwell

Meeting called to order by Cynthia Landrum at 6:01pm.

Opening Prayer - The Divine Praises led by Fr. Frels.

Reading of the minutes by the attendees: Dan motioned to approve the minutes as written and Beth seconded it.

Fr. Jonathan Frel's Remarks: Fr. Frels introduced & welcomed Fr. Pena to our parish & meeting. He is from Cuba and served in Kilgore, Nacogdoches and Puerto Rico. Fr. Pena indicated that he is very happy to be at our parish.

Committee Reports

Knights of Columbus- Ricky Russell – The Knights of Columbus will host the Friday night Fish dinners during Lent. Ricky reported that Fr. Arulappa Devaraj formerly in our diocese, attended the KC Social and asked for our help in rebuilding his church in Bangalore, India which was desecrated and set afire. The Knights are considering how they can help and may be fund raising. Also The Knights were loaned a beautiful picture of Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians which was placed in the parish office. Prayer books are in the office in both English and Spanish.

Ladies Auxiliary – Judy Kennedy reported that the Ladies will be helping the knights with the Friday night fish fry dinners by providing sides, desserts and beverages. The Appreciation Dinner is set for April, 16th, 2020 at 6:30pm.

St. Vincent de Paul – Pete Garza reported that there have been a lot of donations including \$500.00 from the Knights of Columbus. Quarterly Report is done from Oct to Dec – In January 1,045 families were served, 3,678 individuals, 1,328 children. Balance as of Jan 14, 2020 was \$44,392.70. SVDP volunteers completed the required Civil Rights training that The East Texas Food Bank mandates. Pete indicated that donations are steady and appreciated.

Hispanic Community – Sr. Andrea thanked everyone for their attendance at the Food Sale to benefit the people in Puerto Rico. Next weekend Quinceanera classes will begin. They will be recruiting volunteers to be ushers, & Eucharistic ministers after the Spanish masses. Idalia and Omar Rivera have stepped up to lead the Marriage Preparation.

Faith Formation – Loiette Dixon stated things are going well. They are planning for the retreat to be held next month. Confirmation is scheduled for April 22, 2020. Registration for Sunday school will be on March 22nd & 29th, April 19, & 26th, and May 3rd.

Ethics and Integrity- Janie Sepulveda – There will be a video in English with Jerry Ivey on Sat. Feb 29th at 10:00am. to complete the requirements. In March there will be a video in Spanish, date to be announced.

RCIA -- Youth Ministry No reports

Bishop's Annual Appeal – Dan Bochsler stated that the drive started last weekend with Education. This weekend is commitment weekend. Forms will be given and can be put in the collection baskets. Dan thanked Fr. Pena and Sister Andrea for their help with the translations at the Spanish masses.

Altar Society – Beth Brugioni reported the Altar Society will be purchasing new carts and new tea dispensers. The old cart will be repaired. This will help immensely with getting food out and cleanup after all parish functions.

Building Committee – Fr. Frels reported that improvements are being made to the parish hall room off the kitchen. Painting, wall repair and a new door will replace broken door. The room dividers and center door to the hallway were removed. The stained glass eye will be taken down and be replaced by the last supper picture. Fr. Frels proposed collecting Sacred Heart memorabilia and displaying it in the hallway entrance in the Parish Center.

Old Business: Boots & Jeans tabled until next month as Sylvia was not present.

New Business:

March Parish Dinner – The Knights of Columbus & Ladies Auxiliary will host the dinner on Sun., March 8th, 2020.

Parking Lot- The center crepe myrtles were removed from the parking lot. There is a proposal to add another drive-way (exit) in the area where the storage shed sits to help with traffic flow and pickup of children from CCE classes. Many things to consider, 6" rebar needed, need to move the telephone post at a cost of about \$2,000.00, speed bumps, drainage, car flow and speed. Father asked us to think about it and report back with any suggestions.

Motion to Adjourn Meeting made by Dan Bochsler & seconded by Janie Sepulveda

Closing prayer led by Fr. Frels - Anima Christi

Adjourned at 6:00pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at 6pm

Submitted by Maria Russell, Interim Secretary

If you have a loved one or a family friend that is ill, please call the parish office and we will gladly place that person with the person consent on the Prayer list. Names will remain on the list for 60 days.

January 11, 2020
Pete & Rennee Talley
January 19, 2020
Erasmus Gonzales
Sandy Chavez
February 9, 2020
Bob Jeitz
Leo Richards
Paula Smith
Troy Kelley
Isaac Lee
Michael Chernovetz

Brad Talley
February 16, 2020
Joe Magallanez
Derik Rodriguez
March 8, 2020
Patrick Willet
Tim Ange
Kyler Pierce
Derik Rodriguez



Please remember in your prayers the young men and women who are away serving in our armed forces: Please pray especially for:



Spc. Gabe Rainone
PFC Hollis Taylor
PFC Steven Taylor
Captain Jacob Kelly
Major Rhett Blue
Major Raychaelle Blue
Chris Tretta
SFC Melinda Griffin (Jones)
SSG Luke Griffin

Sgt. Douglas Landers, Ft. Hood TX
Captain, Victor E. Bockman
LT JG Theron Dingas
Robert Davis Jr.

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGISTRATION FOR CHILDREN :

Registration for Faith Formation will be rescheduled for another time.

All children must be registered each year for Sunday Faith Formation and Wednesday Sacramental Prep classes.

Registration for these classes will start soon...these are the requirements;

- All first-year registrants. please bring a copy or original Baptismal certificate and Birth certificate.
- We need to know what grade your child is in this year and the name of the school.
- We will need verification of your home address (ex: D.L. light bill or water bill)
- The cost will be \$10.00 per child.

*The following is the schedule for registration:

Sunday, March 22 - 8:30 - 11:00 am
March 29 - 8:30 - 11:00 am

Sunday, April 19 - 8:30 - 10:30 am or 2:00 - 4:00 pm
April 26 - 8:30 - 10:30 am or 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Sunday, May 3 - 9:00 - 11:00 am or 2:00 - 4:00 pm

If you have any questions or concerns please call DRE-Loiette Dixon at

Attention fellow Parishioners!!

Guess what?

We are now working on the,..

New Sacred Heart Parish Directory!

We would like all of our families to be in our Parish directory. So for that we ask that all of Sacred Heart families schedule in a time with Life touch.

We would like to make this as easy as possible for you and your family.

These are the Scheduling Options:

- Call or come by the Parish Office
- Go to our website www.shpalestine.org and click the link and follow the directions.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call the parish office and we can help you.

Scholarship announcement from Ladies Auxiliary

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus Council #1323, Palestine, TX, will give two \$500 annual scholarships to two graduating high school seniors who meet the following criteria:

A registered member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Palestine, TX.

Scholarships will be given on the basis of academic qualifications.

Applicants/recipients must be current year high school seniors. Planning to attend college in the fall semester after high school graduation.

Scholarships will apply for all Certified Institutions of Higher Learning including trade schools.

The applications must be turned in no later than **April 30, 2020**. Those submitted after that date will not be considered.

You can still pick up an application at the office or we can email it to you.

Scholarship announcement from the Knights of Columbus CO 1323

Scholarships

For high school graduates and current undergraduate students
Applications available at the Parish office or by contacting a representative of the K of C

Application deadline **4/30/2020**

You can still pick up an application at the office or we can email it to you.