

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting on August 18, 2014

Members of the Parish Council and Pastoral Team met at the Sacred Heart Parish Center at 7:00PM

Missing members – Pat Cahill

Word that Brad Metz assigned as associate pastor at Sacred Heart

Fr Tom opening prayer

Nan - Signup sheet for prayers and snack

- ***Vice president and secretary needed***, Jack O'Brien for secretary and John Lehner for vice president
- ***Epiphany Breakfast*** – snowed out previously, Basilica closed again, regular Sunday Mass schedule and do brunch piece. King's portion more difficult at crypt, but possible that the Magi come to the Brunch and be part of opening prayer. Set menu from previous years. Mike and Jane Mulligan and Paul Thornton (assisted by John/Judy Lehner) will coordinate Epiphany Breakfast January 4, 2015.
- ***Music survey***, inserted in bulletin this past week. Taken nine months ago, over 50 responses. Key areas; 60% positive liked music, only 14% did not feel they had a chance to participate in the singing. There is a variety of musical styles. There will be choirs at 9:30 and 11 AM Sunday Masses this year. JJ's work includes children's choir (children between 6 and 16). The Basilica and SHP have a combined effort. Durel and Barbara arriving 9th September from Dallas for the Dedication Concert. Suggestion for 3rd choir on Saturday Mass. Next steps after survey include having second choir at 11 AM Sunday Mass. Music survey results suggest trying to keep traditional hymns, with some contemporary music, and use of our new pipe organ. We have no guitarists this year. Anne Borjas mentioned that "ND" already has a children's choir, but from her experience, it was beyond elementary music, hoping for "children's" music that will be more simple, enjoyable and palatable for children. Question: Michelle, how should folks sign up? People should contact JJ directly. First rehearsal to take place Wednesday, September 3, 6:30 PM at the Parish Center.
- ***Need for 2 new members for the Pastoral Council***, preference for one man and woman. Two openings, Anne Coglianese is interested. Jane Mulligan recommended Steven Good who is interested. Father Tom to speak with Steven and Anne about joining the Council.
- ***Martha's Sisters and Brothers*** – proposed name per Nan – to assist with funeral lunches. Food will be catered and brought in, 8 or so people to help with cleanup and setup. Council agree this is a good idea
- ***Father Bradley Metz, CSC*** to be assigned as Associate Pastor at SHP. He will also work with Campus Ministry
- ***Review parish picnic*** – 200 people, roast was extremely well received. Future – 4 lines for serving worked perfectly, more events for kids in future? Committee 6-8 people searched for door prizes in past, less donations than there were in the past. Focus is on Mass, music, food, visiting and fun now. Great help from people cleaning up this year. Kim and Matt Spence commented that in previous years there were more side dishes, when parish provided dessert, better options for side dishes when this was the case. Successful picnic as food was great, and people contributed greatly to setup and cleanup.
- ***Organ dedication*** September 10th, 2014, 7pm. Signs are up, reception is in Remick Commons.
- ***Diane's work schedule*** – nurse report. Diane moving to part time starting September 1st. Tuesday, Wed and Thursday, 3 days week that will shift based on her schedule. Blood pressure screening on hold for a few months, lack of backup options causes issues in scheduling. Grief support, none going on right

now, will be a **Mass of Remembrance in November**. Home visits will have more of a focus. 2nd Thursday monthly Mass and luncheon will shift to twice a year due to numbers dropping off consistently. The people that do come, need more care than is possible during the events at this stage. Fall and spring events are more manageable.

- Future events for the parish
 - **Bishops Appeal** – 28th September is Bishops appeal video, Paul is preparing financial statement of in's and outs from previous appeal, will be difficult to make up overage from previous years.
 - **Adopt A Family For Christmas** – may ask for more families if possible to take on more
 - **Football ticket sales** – will continue, were some changes in cost from last year
 - **May Play and Brunch** --- needs a coordinator
 - Follow-up to **ARISE TOGETHER IN CHRIST**. Father Tom handed out possible Lent 2015 materials for small faith-sharing groups. **Council members will read the material and commend at the next Council meeting**. Small groups have been successful with parish.
 - Long range – Patricia Bellm – November 8th, 8:30 – 1:30, **renewal for Eucharistic ministers**, Sacred Heart members can come free. Geddes Hall. Limit of 50 places, more information will be provided in bulletin.
 - Sedar Meal, March 23rd is set.
- Round table.
- **Tom Nowak & Social Justice Ministry** – active over summer with number of missions, did not meet monthly but continued. Continue to recruit, collect funds from envelopes but the focus is more on getting people involved and not just giving money. Lost two members Dorothy Kryder and Barbara Fodroczi. Spent \$24k this past year. New officers elected at last meeting Tom is president, Steve Goode is VP, Joe Nycum treasurer. Need new people for committee. Dismus House, Northeast Neighborhood Food Pantry and Our Lady of the Road all continue. Habitat for Humanity work was delayed. Received car for refugee family that needed it for employment.
- **Michelle Kriss Faith Formation**– revised REP calendar passed around, two brochures and fliers for adult faith formation that has been scheduled for this year. Bible study, and pillars sessions that start in fall. Bible study will also continue. Registration for religious education will be sent out for this year on Wednesday. Confirmation October 24th. WE have a number of good REP catechists.
- **ARISE TOGETHER IN CHRIST** sign up for new member's weekend of Sept 13th and 14th. Deacon Bill will email leaders with dates and times.
- **Joan – United Religious Community (interfaith religious dialogue)**, small group, trying to attract young people. Need more vigorous membership. Several people have left group, looking for new director. Short on funds, but trying to pull young local college students from the area. September 18th open meeting at 7pm at URC. Contact Joan if interested.
- **Anne Borjas**– might speak at 11am Mass weekend of the 14th to encourage folks to sign up for Arise. Speaking of her past positive experiences with Arise.
- **Fr. Tom** --- there may be some changes in the Pastoral Council meeting schedule due to the ND men's and women's 2014 – 2015 basketball schedule. We should know this information by the September 22 Council Meeting.

NEXT PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2015, 7 PM, COMMUNITY ROOM, PARISH CENTER.