

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting on March 16, 2015
Parish Pastoral Council, Sacred Heart Parish Center, 7:00PM

Present: Fr. Tom Jones, Jane Mulligan, Tom Nowak, Annie Borjas, Joan Loranger, Paul Thornton, Kimberly Spence, Pat Cahill, Nan Tulchinsky, Deacon Bill Gallagher and Michelle Kriss, John Lehner, Anne Coglianesse

Absent: Diane Walling, Jack O'Brien, and Paul Eddy.

Opening Prayer led by Kimberly Spence. Snacks provided by Tom Nowak

Approval of minutes with two changes noted by Tom Nowak: *WHY CATHOLIC* small faith sharing groups begins in the fall of 2015; also “Seder” Meal not “Ceder” Meal.

Fr. Tom talked about the possibility of revising the daily Mass schedule if only one priest assigned to SHP beginning in the summer of 2015. With most campus priests staying up late for Masses and student activities/counseling, hard to find help to cover a 6:45 AM daily Mass. Fr. Tom can cover 5 days a week, but not 7. Asks Council to think about dropping the 6:45 AM Mass on Saturday morning since there is already a 4 PNM Mass on Saturdays, and sometimes there is a wedding as well. The football season has a 10 AM Mass on football Saturdays and a post-game Sunday anticipatory Mass.

A lot depends on being able to have a little help with the early morning Mass Monday – Saturday.

Michelle Kriss mentioned that there will be 4 candidates for First Holy Communion on May 3, 2015, 11 AM Mass. May Crowning will be at the 11 AM Mass on Sunday, May 10. New Mary statute used for May Crowning will be a gift in memory of Denise Hagerty. Michelle also mentioned it would be important to do some adult faith formation program in the fall on the Synod on the Family to be held in Philadelphia.

Tom Nowak mentioned that Social Justice Ministry has purchased a table for each of the following events. If anyone from the Pastoral Council wants to attend, please contact Tom Nowak soon.

- ❖ Dismas House Dinner, April 1, 6:30 PM
- ❖ St. Vincent DePaul Legacy Dinner, Wednesday, April 29, Hilton Garden Inn, St. Mary's (which conflicts with the area training session for parish *WHY CATHOLIC* coordinating teams.)
- ❖ United Religious Community (URC) Prayer Breakfast, Thursday, May 7, 2015, 7:30 AM, Century Center.

Fr. Tom also mentioned the Bishops of Indiana pastoral letter Poverty At The Crossroads: The Church's Response To Poverty I Indiana.

- Purpose of the letter is to help all Catholics to be informed about poverty in Indiana and begin the discussion on what we can do to build a more stable society to support families and lessen poverty.
- The Pastoral Letter will be on the Parish website soon.
- Nan suggested that SHP consider sponsoring a "poor family" for a year, looking at their needs and working with them to help make a change in their lives. With all the professionals in our parish we could look at finances, housing, employment, education, nutrition, etc. It may take longer than a year to turn lives around especially in generational poverty, but it could be an inspiring undertaking.
- Perhaps this fall (2015) and also again in the spring of 2016 we can provide an opportunity for parishioners to engage in a discussion of the issues raised in the Pastoral Letter on Poverty in Indiana..

Jane Mulligan made the suggestion to have a half-day planning session for the Pastoral Council to "plan for the year." Suggested time was Saturday morning, August 1, or Saturday morning August 8 at the Parish Center. Perhaps begin with Mass, have a planning session for the Council, and conclude with lunch.

Meeting concluded with a prayer to Saint Benedict led by John Lehner.

Next Council Meeting: Monday, April 20, 2015, 7 PM Parish Center Community Room.
Fr. Tom