***Minutes of Parish Council Meeting on October 20, 2014***

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

Absent members – Anne Borjas, Bill Gallagher, Jane Mulligan, Father Brad

**I.** Opening Prayer by Joan Loranger

**II.** Approved minutes of the September 2014 meeting

**III.** Pastor's report:

***Small Faith-Sharing Groups***

Continue discussion concerning a small-group-faith-sharing program for Lent 2015.

Not having great success in adding new people to current Arise groups.

Diocese is sponsoring the program ***Why Catholic***beginning in the fall of 2015. Should we do something with our current small faith-sharing groups in Lent 2015 to “tide us over” until the fall of 2015? Or should we “take a break” in Lent 2015 to form a parish leadership team for the *Why Catholic* program to be ready for the fall of 2015?

Council needs to make a recommendation to Father Tom at the November Council meeting one way or another.

The ***Why Catholic***program has “podcasts” which we could possibly put on the SHP website or on the SHP “Facebook” page. Anne Coglianese and Kim Spence are looking into setting up a parish Facebook page and will report back to the Council at the November meeting.

***Bishop's Appeal Report***

Appeal pledges are going well thus far. We have not yet heard from everyone, but it seems we have about $5,500 in pledges more than our parish goal thus far.

***IV. Paul Thornton's report on the Epiphany Brunch***

Committee looked at changing venue to the North Dining Hall with basically the same menu as in previous years. Folks can park in the Keenan/Stanford/St Liam parking lot. E will also have a small bus as well as “face-painting ” for the children. Neil Wozniak will set this up for us once again.

Weekend Mass schedule for January 3 and 4 will be the regular Sunday schedule. Brunch will be at 1 PM on Sunday, North Dining. The “Three Kings” will come to the “brunch” and be part of the “grace before the meal.”

Tickets go on sale for three weekends, beginning the weekend of December 6/7. Final count to be sent in on Monday, December 22 to Catering By Design.

Prices for tickets are the same as last year. Tickets sales pay for about ½ the cost of the brunch. The rest is subsidized by the football raffle and the sales of football memorabilia under the porch at the presbytery on home football Saturdays ---- thanks to our many volunteer helpers! Costs should be less because the North Dining Hall venue is cheaper than the South Dining Hall.

Father Tom to make sure that the microphone and podium costs are not excessive.

***V. Tom Nowak's report from the Social Justice Ministry***

October meeting moved to help attendance. New people are coming to meeting which is encouraging, plan to disperse much of budget this coming month. Discussed mentoring for young children. New business, October 30th St Marcellus day event at the Basilica, inspirational speakers in the past and again this year. Forgiveness breakfast for Dismas House October 23rd at Hilton Garden Inn. Second collections during Advent discussed: Dismas House, North East Neighborhood, Our Lady of the Road and help for refugees. *Adopt a Family for Christmas* tags will be available for parishioners to pick up (30 families) the weekends of November 15/16 and November 22/23. Habitat for Humanity house construction delayed due to weather and other reasons.

***VI. “Around the table reports/comments”***

Pat - Raffle tickets’ sales going very well, lots of volunteers.

Joan - URC update, had meeting to encourage more youth involved, struggling to get numbers. Checking to see if there is a Thanksgiving event.

Michelle – ***ARISE*** groups (7 or 8) are meeting. Religious Ed going well Sundays and Bible Studies and Catechism meetings also good. Would like some feedback on other possibilities for adult faith programs.

Kim/Anne – working on syncing parish web pages and Facebook. Approval needed for posting pictures.

Nurse report – limited blood pressure screenings depending on availability. Mass of Remembrance on Thursday, November 13.

*VII. Close the meeting with a prayer by Nan Tulchinsky*

Thanks to Joan Loranger for the evening snack.  
  
***Opening prayer for the Monday, November 17 meeting is Michelle Kriss.***

***Closing prayer for the November meeting is Annie Borjas***.

***Snacks for the November meeting are being provided by Paul Thornton and Jane Mulligan.***

**Jack O’Brien**