**Minutes of Parish Council Meeting on May 23rd, 2016**

**Parish Pastoral Council, Sacred Heart Parish Center, 7:00PM**

Absent: Mary Jane Mulligan

I. Opening prayer offered by Tom Nowak

II. Minutes Approved from April 18th, 2016 meeting.

III. Pastor’s report from Fr. Tom

* Reached consensus on balance between community and prayerful preparation before Mass:
Council decided to either have a ***piano/organ prelude before Mass***; or have Erin Donegan (new SHP Director of Music) ***sing the Entrance antiphon*** before Mass; or have ***1 minute of focused silence.*** For the first few Sundays Father Tom will explain the purpose of “quieting down” before Mass begins and what we are going to be doing. e.
* Set date for a Pastoral Council planning session and cook out:
Need two-hour Council planning meeting for ***Saturday, August 20th 10 AM -12 Noon.*** ***Dinner*** (including spouses) planned for ***6:30 PM on Monday, September 19th*** meeting. Most likely do cookout.

IV. Finalize plans for our Sacred Heart Parish Celebration Friday, ***June 3, 2016: Mass at 6 PM*** ***followed by pizza***

Need help with setting up and cleaning up, 114 came to pizza potluck dinner last year. Pizza from Barnaby’s, mostly cheese (12 cheese, 6 sausage and 6 pepperoni, 2 vegetarian) and sausage. Have pizza cut into squares. Order pizzas through Neal Wozniak and Barnaby’s will deliver. Salads and desserts brought by parishioners. Fr. Tom will do blessing. Signup sheets after Mass for side dishes.

V. Finalize plans for the ***Annual Parish outdoor Mass and Picnic on Sunday, August 14th.***

Menu needs to be finalized. Looking at possibility of crispy chicken rather than pork chops or pulled pork (too hard to prepare). Nan Deacon Bill (?) and Jim Kapsa will do name tags. No mayo-based salads will be used. Instead use salad greens, bean, and fruit salads. Bounce House needs to be checked, to verify dates. Fire department will be called (Paul). Fr. Tom to ask Paul Borowski about mikes and sound. Flowers at tables, ticket raffle will be done there. Swing Sisters will perform.

VI. Report on St. Vincent De Paul parish commitment

Legacy Dinner went well, Sacred Heart sponsored table; event was well attended by parishioners.

VII. Report from the Social Justice meeting

Two new refugee families in town, one husband is seeking employment. Second family had to come in two waves, has been employed. URC prayer breakfast, small attendance. Dismus fund-raising dinner. Hope Ministries cutting costs (40%) buying in bulk through Cosco and Aldi’s. More legwork to do on this, but significant savings. Habitat house in June is main summer event.

VIII. Around the table reports

* Diane – retiring at end of June, but not leaving parish. A few events will need volunteers to pick up the work Diane has done in the past. Mass of Remembrance and Ash Wednesday event.
* Michelle - vacation bible school July 11th to 15th.
* Kim – Facebook activity is up, close to 1,000 followers.
* Fr. Tom – There will be a ***“Retirement Farewell & Thank You” for Diane*** for her 17 years of services to SHP at one of the Sunday Masses in June to be determined. Perhaps there can be a reception out back of the presbytery with cake and coffee to say thank you.

Also, Add map to exterior sign board outside of the crypt to show where parish center is in relation to church for people looking for Mass.

IX. New officers, returning members and leaving members

Jack completed 6 years and is moving on from the Council. ***Paul Thornton will be the new Council President***. Nan has one more year on the Council but has ceded her position as President to Paul Thornton. No new members added at this point. ***Kim Spence will be the new Pastoral Council Secretary.***

X. Closing prayer offered by Diane Beach

***Next Council Meeting: Saturday morning, August 20, 10 AM – 12 Noon Planning for the Year Session in the Parish Center Community Room.***

*Submitted by Jack O’Brien*