

## Sacred Heart Parish Pastoral Council Planning Meeting Minutes

October 23, 2017 7:00 PM

Absent: Annie Borjas

- I. Opening meeting with Prayer offered by Kim Spence
- II. Review and approve minutes from the August 7, 2017 meeting. Correction of the time for Religious Education to 9:15.
- III. Pastors Report – Fr David
  - ❖ Parish Census Update – In Progress – using new software to complete.
  - ❖ Council member replacement for Diane Beach Walling – Multiple candidates are under consideration. Candidate will conclude the current year 2018.
- IV. Religious Education – Michelle Kriss
  - ❖ *Why Catholic?* Faith-sharing groups for the fall of 2017. Sixty eight participants. Extra books are being utilized for home study.
  - ❖ Video Series the Pivotal Players by Bishop Barron. 6 people in first series GK Chesterton, St Catherine of Siena, St Thomas Aquinas, Michelangelo, Blessed John Licci, St Francis of Assisi. Series will begin sometime in April – May.
  - ❖ November is safe environmental month for students. Two classes will be offered, scheduling around soccer.
- V. Social Justice Ministry Report – Steve Good / Tom Nowak
  - ❖ Advent Special Collections – Four recipients have been chosen for this season and background stories are being written. 1) Hope Ministry 2) Our Lady of The Road 3) Dismiss House 4) NE Neighborhood Food Pantry.
  - ❖ St Vincent de Paul Adopt a family program – project begins soon, under the guidance of Betsy McCorry.
- VI. Old Business
  - ❖ Pictorial Directory August 2017 – Pat Cahill, Paul Eddy, Kim Spence. Directories are being assembled and story writings completed.
  - ❖ 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Glasses Sales – Paul Eddy. Last sets will be marketed as Christmas Gifts for ND fans, Basilica & Epiphany lunch sales.
  - ❖ Raffle Ticket sales have improved due to marketing strategy and credit cards being accepted.

- ❖ Explore ways to increase population of younger parishioners. Invite young families to attend, be welcoming, and display patience with young children during Mass etc. New building construction may also contribute to attracting younger families.
- ❖ Handicapped availability, access ramp to Crypt – Jim Kapsa. Multiple ideas have been discussed and presented. The decision must be made by the Basilica Staff. Fr David will offer his assistance sharing discussion with centers of influence. Meantime, alternative Mass could be held in the Parish Center (discussion).

VII. Break

VIII. New Business

- ❖ Mass of Remembrance November 2, 2017 @ 7:00 PM – Deacon Bill and Paul Thornton. Letters have been sent to over 20 parishioners who lost family members this year. Flyers have been converted from old program to Word documents. There will be a small reception following the Mass.
- ❖ Epiphany Mass and Brunch January 7, 2018 – Paul Thornton. The Morris Inn is holding pricing from last year w/o meat slicers. Parking may be adjusted to avoid event conflicts, the alternative to bring the bus option back.
- ❖ Fr David to confirm Bishop Rhodes attendance.

IX. Round Table – Topics for discussion from anyone in the group.

- ❖ Jim Kapsa suggested the donuts & coffee to be offered after Mass. The Presbytery is no longer available to parishioners. Alternatives discussed, the Parish Center.
- ❖ Pat Cahill – St Vincent de Paul sort was successful, tables were more efficient. Could have used more volunteers.
- ❖ Paul Eddy – Blinds are installed in the Parish Center. Has hired an independent contractor to do repairs and to save funds. Would like to bring him on full time.

X. Closing Prayer by Paul Thornton