

**Minutes of Parish Council Meeting on March 14, 2016**  
**Parish Pastoral Council, Sacred Heart Parish Center, 7:00PM**

Absent:

- I Open meeting with a prayer offered by Tom Nowak
- II Reviewed and approved minutes from the November 23, 2015 meeting

**III *Pastor's report by Father Tom***

Need to update census information for Parish, also time to do pictorial directory for 175th anniversary in 2017. Combine census and directory mailing. Need to find coordinator for project. Look into gathering emails where possible to communicate quickly with parishioners. Postage page envelope to encourage people to update information.

Why Catholic going very well to date. Question on **Why Catholic Easter Season Potluck**, need a coordinator. Choice to do two events or combine with Sacred Heart Parish Celebration Friday June 3. Council wants to keep this two separate events with Why Catholic event on **Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 6pm**, Diane agreed to be coordinator. Pizza and salad for Sacred Heart Parish Celebration, 20 ordered last year, serving 110 people. There will be a Mass at 6pm.

**IV *Tom Nowak gave Social Justice Ministry report*** – February meeting cancelled. Met and discussed this past week. We are currently sponsoring 10 refugee families in different ways. Looking to lower HOPE dinner expenses using IRBN. Dismas House dinner on April 13<sup>th</sup>.

**V *St. Vincent de Paul – Paul Thornton***. Sorting day at warehouse for outreach for Parish. 21 people signed up to help for three hours. Sorted 8400 pounds of clothing, this equates to 4 meals for 4 days for 7 people.

**V** Around the table reports from Council members:

**Jane Mulligan:** Possibility of play at the civic theatre "The Games Afoot", 3<sup>rd</sup> through the 12<sup>th</sup> of June, Sunday afternoon at 2pm.

**Parish Nurse Report: Diane Beach Walling.** Bring toiletries to support local charity to Why Catholic potluck. Blood pressure screenings will continue monthly after Sunday Masses.

**Joan:** 2016 URC Community prayer breakfast on May 5<sup>th</sup> 7:30-9am, table of 8 is \$200. Prof. of Islam speaking, from Elmhurst College to discuss religious culture and ethnic diversity. Social Justice Group will attend, along with Joan Loranger and Fr. Tom.

**Religious Education/Adult Formation: Michelle Kriss.** Three classes of Sunday morning religious education left, Vacation Bible School prep is underway (Cave Conquest theme).

**VI. *April 18<sup>th</sup> Council meeting discussion: How to achieve a balance between parishioners saying "hello" before Sunday Mass and silence in church?***

**VI** Closing prayer by Pat Cahill

Snack break in April will be supplied by ?.

Next Council Meeting: Monday, April 18, 2016 7 PM Parish Center Community Room.