

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting on November 23, 2015
Parish Pastoral Council, Sacred Heart Parish Center, 7:00PM

Absent: Jane Mulligan, John McNarney, Jack O'Brien

I. **Open meeting** with a prayer offered by Kim Spence.

II. **Minutes approved** for the October 19th meeting.

IV. **Report from Paul Thornton on Epiphany Brunch**

- Everything is ready for the Epiphany Brunch on January 3, 2016, at 12:30 PM in the North Dining Hall.
- Tickets will go on sale after all the Masses for three weekends the first weekend of December.
- Clown will be there and Paul Eddy will take care of ordering the bus in early December.
- Father Tom will work out the entrance of the Three Kings during "Grace" at the beginning of the Brunch.

V. **Report from Sue Soisson from Social Justice Ministry**

- SJM has discussed the Indiana Bishops' Letter on Poverty in Indiana. SJM reached the conclusion that we should do what we can to involve more people in our current ministries rather than trying to add new ones.
- **Use announcement to highlight one SJM activity each week**, inviting parishioners to consider participating. Here is a sample announcement: *"Can you help serve Breakfast at Our Lady of the Road on South Michigan from 8:30 AM to 10 AM? If you can, call Marlene Nowak. Her phone number and email address is in today's bulletin."* We will try this the weekend of November 28/29 highlighting OLOR breakfast on Friday, December 4.
- We will highlight only one SJM activity each week. **Name, email and phone of contact person** must be in the bulletin that week, which means **it must be in the office by Monday Noon before the Sunday announcement**. Without this information the announcement will not be made.
- SJM asked Father Tom to highlight SJM projects in his homily when possible.

VI. **Saint Vincent de Paul SHP Conference – Paul Thornton**

- Purpose of the SVDP Society: **(1) spiritual growth of its members; (2) serve those in need and bring them closer to God.**
- Conferences = parish organization; District Council = all parish conferences in a city/county; Diocesan Council = unites District Councils; National Council = coordinates and facilitates the activities of the Conferences and Diocesan Councils.
- Sacred Heart Parish SVDP Conference: does "home visits" (two people go together)
- SHP Conference serves the 46117 zip code with home visits.
- **SHP Conference: Paul Thornton = President; Pat Cahill = Home Visits Chair; Peter Moody = Treasurer**

- SHP Conference gets its food for home delivery from SVDP Society food pantry at 520 Crescent Avenue
- ***Volunteers needed for SHP Conference home deliveries***
- ***Volunteers needed for the District Council Food Pantry/Clothing Store*** to sort food and clothes on an “as needed” basis. Mary Eme (574-234-6000) is the Volunteer Coordinator for the District Council.

VII. ***Vets Community Connections***

- Pastoral Council decided that the Parish will support Robert Kuehn’s Vets Community Connections (VCC) proposal to the extent parish resources allow.
- Sue Soisson also suggested that integrating vets back into the community has a spiritual and emotional feature. Opportunities needed for parishioners to talk with returning vets.

VIII. ***Why Catholic Potluck***

- Tuesday, December 1, 6 PM in the Community Room of the Parish Center.
- AS of Monday evening (November 23) only 20 people confirmed who are coming.

IX. ***‘Round The Table***

- Deacon Bill: *Why Catholic* Groups seemed to go well this fall
- Joan Loranger: URC program she attended (*Hope In The Face Of Tragedy*), sponsored by the Jewish Federation and the URC, seemed to be a fund raiser for Syrian refugees.
- Michelle Kriss: REP classes cancelled Sunday, November 22 because of snow (5 REP families were without power). REP Christmas Pageant at 9:45 AM Sunday, December 13th at the Parish Center. Parishioners are invited to attend.
- Diane Walling: Mass of Remembrance well-attended. December 8 Holyday Mass (Immaculate Conception) will be at 11:30 AM at the Parish Center and will be a “brown-bag” lunch opportunity.

VIII. Thank You

- Anne Borjas for the snacks
- Opening Prayer February 15 – Tom Nowak
- Closing Prayer February 15 = Pat Cahill
- Snacks provided by Jane Mulligan and John McNarney for February 15, 2016 meeting
- Close the November 23rd meeting with a prayer offered by Fr. Tom

Next Council Meeting: Monday, February 15, 2016 7 PM Parish Center Community Room.