

Sacred Heart Parish Pastoral Council  
Meeting Minutes

July 17, 2018, 7:00 PM, at SHP Parish Center

Absent: Annie Borjas, Pam Von Rahl, Deacon Bill Gallagher, Michelle Kriss and Tom Nowak

- I. Opening prayer – Paul Thornton
- II. Introductions  
With new members beginning their terms, all attendees went around the table to introduce themselves.
- III. Review and approve minutes from the May 21, 2018, meeting.  
Minutes were approved with no corrections.
- IV. Pastor's report – Fr. David
  - Pictorial directory published and distributed.
  - Feast of the Sacred Heart had low turnout. Recommended moving the Celebration from Friday to Saturday. (More under New Business.)
  - Additional modifications to the Parish Center Chapel have been completed.
  - Maybe move Sunday 11:00 AM Mass from Crypt to Parish Center Chapel. (More discussion later in New Business.)
  - Bid coming to air condition the Parish Center starting on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor and moving to lower floors in installments. Would be controlled by floors. Looking into also having the heating system tied in to this rather than having the current steam heating. That would save the parish money.
- V. Religious Education – Michelle Kriss  
Absent, at wake for her brother who passed away. No report.
- VI. Social Justice Ministry report – Steve Good
  - SJM funded a language ministry for refugees. Great feedback from participants. Held at IU South Bend, so know it's a good program.
  - Our Lady of the Road building is being refurbished. A grant funded by a foundation that a parishioner is involved with of \$25,000 was made for plumbing and insulation work.
- VII. Old Business
  - Family Resources Center – Kevin Rooney  
Kevin caught up the new council members on the outreach he has been doing on behalf of SHP. The Family Resource Center's new director, Peggy Hnatusko, will start in August. She is aware of Regina Gesicki's conversations with Kevin and her visit to a parish council meeting. Jim Kapsa suggested Peggy be invited to a future council meeting.
  - Directories distributed – Paul Eddy. This was covered in Fr David's comments above. Paul Thornton thanked Paul Eddy for all the hard work.
  - Parish Picnic Sunday Aug. 12, 2018, 11:00 AM – Kathy Sechowski
    - Outdoor Mass followed by picnic at the Parish Center.

- Menu changed back to chicken and sausage from The Skillet. Mexican too expensive.
  - Expanded information will go into bulletin beginning this weekend.
  - Signup sheets will be in back of church for helpers and for what type of dish parishioners will bring to share.
  - Fr. David suggested there be a blessing of pastoral council at this Mass, after the homily.
  - Kathy suggested no flower centerpieces, and all agreed.
  - Nan suggested giving out recognition to long-standing parishioners at this Mass. It will take place at the end of the Mass, and the longest parishioner present will receive bouquet of flowers.
  - Rain location is in the Parish Center.
- Parish Retreat or Parish Mission - Tom Nowak. Tom was absent, so subject was tabled until next meeting.

## VIII. New Business

- Parish Council Planning – Paul Thornton
  - Council Membership Listing – Checked information. Change listing for Kevin’s wife to Meg.
  - Terms of Office – Reviewed.
  - Council Meeting Dates -- Reviewed.
  - Annual Celebrations -- Reviewed each event on the calendar.
    1. Epiphany Mass – Fr. David will check on Basilica availability.
    2. Seder meal set for Wednesday in Holy week. Paul Thornton will notify Cindi Pilot of date.
    3. Solemnity of the Sacred Heart -- Change the celebration potluck from the Feast that always falls on a Friday to the following day, after the Saturday 4:00 PM Mass. Hope to increase number of attendees.
  - Pastoral Council potluck signup sheet passed around for side dishes.
  - Pastoral Council meeting assignments sheet was passed around for signup for opening prayer, simple snack and closing prayer volunteers.
  - Fr. David suggested a move of the Sunday 11:00AM Mass to the Parish Center year-round.
    1. Can have coffee and donuts again after Mass.
    2. Would offer parishioners a handicap accessible entrance.
    3. Parking is an issue for the 11:00 Mass in the Crypt due to the 10 AM Mass in the Basilica. People are often late.
    4. Kevin suggested surveying the 11:00AM parishioners about moving.

## IX. Round Table –

- Susan Good -- Suggested burgers, beer and Bible event by lake. Held weekly on a weekday evening in June and July. Wednesday is not good for Fr. David.
- Jim Kapsa –
  - Asked if the Pastoral Council could get a Readers Digest version of the parish financials for the September meeting. Paul Eddy advised that there is a Finance Committee to handle the finances and that the Pastoral Council is not to be involved with this. Paul Eddy did commit to publishing a financial statement in the bulletin for all parishioners to see.

- Impressed with pictorial directory. Lots of seniors in the book. Should look into starting a senior group in parish. Paul Thornton had a list of parish ideas for community-building events. Add to next meeting agenda. The key is a group of people will need to step forward to take on this activity. Fr. David said the organizers should be from outside the Pastoral Council.
- Shelly Nycum -- Asked if the raffle ticket space behind the Basilica would still be available (because of the Corby Hall construction). Paul Eddy said yes. Can raffle ticket sales' second booth be located in another location besides by the K. of C.? Paul Eddy advised that we should stay away from the stadium and the library but otherwise go anywhere. If someone questions the location, have them call Paul Eddy. It was noted by Paul Eddy that he has been working with Joe Shaffer to have a storage trailer and a sidewalk pass for the memorabilia items that are sold on football Saturdays. Those items will be sold on the courtyard behind the Basilica as well.
- Nan Tulchinsky –
  - Thanked Steve Good for a \$500 donation to Northeast Neighborhood Food Pantry. They purchased ground beef from Martin's. NENFP will be receiving a \$1,500 donation from St. Peter's Church (United Church of Christ). The pantry served 658 households, or 2,481 people last year -- 100 more than the prior year. Picked up 4 new volunteers. Going to try a garage-sale fundraiser for the NENFP at the Fall Back to School event at the Robinson Center on Sept. 21. Accepting donations.
  - Families requesting funeral lunches are able to have whomever they want (not just ND catering) to cater the dinner. Nothing has changed, but if ND Catering is doing the event, volunteers have nothing to do. Communication with families needs to be improved, so the volunteers can be notified if not needed.

X. Next Gathering: Pastoral Council Potluck Aug. 21, 2018, 6:00 PM in the Parish Center. Signups for the potluck took place.

XI. Next Meeting Scheduled: Tuesday, Sept. 18, 2018, 7:00 PM, in the Parish Center.

XII. Closing prayer by Paul Thornton  
Suggested that in the future we not say Amen at the end of the opening prayer, that the meeting is a prayer. The Amen would come after the closing prayer.

XIII. Simple Snack