

Sacred Heart Parish Pastoral Council  
Meeting Minutes  
September 18, 2018, 7:00 PM, at SHP Parish Center  
Absent: Michelle Kriss, Deacon Bill Gallagher, Shelly Nycum

- I. Opening prayer –Kathy Sechowski
- II. Review and approve minutes from the July 17, 2018, meeting.  
Minutes were approved with no corrections
- III. Pastor's report – Fr. David
  - Sunday 11:00 AM Mass to move from Crypt to Parish Center Chapel. After taking into account results from parishioner votes (with the majority in favor of moving the 11:00 a.m. Mass from the crypt to the Parish Center), Fr. David made the final decision to move this Mass. This change will begin in December at the start of the new liturgical year.
  - Parish Center A/C project. Due to questions that arose from Fr. David and the finance committee with regards to the bid and parameters of the project, future discussions and studies will take place before any final decisions are made on the air conditioning project.
- IV. Religious Education – Michelle Kriss  
No report due to absence of Michelle Kriss
- V. Social Justice Ministry report – Steve Good/Tom Nowak
  - Tom Nowak shared that the Social Justice Ministry will be looking at the proposed budget for the year during their next meeting on Sept. 27th.
  - They have agreed to add one more charity (La Casa de Amistad), especially because of La Casa's role in legal aid with many of the refugees the committee has helped.
  - Updates on one refugee family were shared, highlighting ways in which members of the Social Justice Ministry help and accompany each refugee family.
  - Tom also explained recent projects at Our Lady of the Road (solar panels & bathroom renovations). Thanks to the many SHP volunteers who have helped with these projects!
- VI. Old Business
  - Family Resources Center – Kevin Rooney  
Peggy Hnatusko, head of recently established Family Resources Center, is open to and interested in working with Sacred Heart Parish. She will be invited to attend next Parish Council meeting in Nov.
  - Parish Picnic Sunday Aug. 12, 2018, 11:00 AM – Kathy Sechowski  
Thanks to great weather and great volunteers, the parish picnic was a success! Suggestions were given for minor changes and improvements but, overall, the Parish Council agreed that it was a very well organized and enjoyable event.
  - Parish Retreat or Parish Mission - Tom Nowak.

Tom Nowak suggested it might be nice to have a one-day annual retreat for Parish Council Members. Feasibility and purpose of this type of retreat were discussed by Father David and Tom Nowak agreed to bring further ideas for next meeting.

- Parish Financial Statement to be published – Paul Eddy  
Will be most likely published in January and placed in mailing to all parishioners.
- Burgers, beer and Bible event suggestion - Susan Good  
Susan Good revisited this idea, suggesting that it should be an informal summer-only activity. Council members discussed importance of creating a committee to organize such an event and agreed that further discussion will be tabled until early Spring.
- Senior Group – Jim Kapsa/ Paul Thornton
- Paul Thornton talked about the importance of events for older parishioners at SHP. An article on the epidemic of loneliness was shared and summarized and discussed as a social justice issue.
- This idea will be presented by Jim Kapsa and Paul Thornton to the Social Justice Ministry team at their next meeting.
- Initial brainstorming ideas included merging with another local parish to create more opportunities for events and activities as well as intergenerational opportunities between families with young children and senior parishioners.
- Raffle Ticket sales – Shelly Nycum  
Paul Eddy took over this report since Shelly Nycum was absent. Sales have been “up and down” so far this season, especially due to low turnout for the second game of the year.

#### VII. New Business

- Cultivate Program – Jim Kapsa
- Jim Kapsa and Nan Tulchinsky gave a summary of the Cultivate Program that takes leftover food from ND and other area restaurants and organizations and places it in TV dinner trays for distribution to those in need. Parishioners at the Near Northwest Neighborhood Food Pantry receive nearly 30 meals a week from this program and are grateful to the Cultivate Program for providing so many meals. Volunteers are always needed to help prep meals.

Mass of Remembrance Friday Nov 2, 2018, 7:00PM – Paul Thornton

- Scheduling & planning for this Mass were discussed.

#### VIII. Round Table –

- Kevin Rooney -
  - announced an event on Sept. 19th at Duncan Student Center
  - Kevin also began a discussion on the role of the Parish Council with regards to the latest church scandal. Fr. David noted that we need to continue to do the good works that we are already doing in our parish and also encouraged prayers for healing within the Church.
- Nan Tulchinsky -
  - Northeast Neighborhood Food Pantry would like to thank the Social Justice Ministry for their \$500 donation
  - Food Pantry event on Friday, Sept. 21st - Garage Sale at Robinson Center

- Nan presented a question about parking for handicapped parishioners at the 11:00 Mass that will take place at the Parish Center. It was explained that the gates will be opened early and anyone who needs to park near the building will be allowed to do so.
- Nan offered a suggestion for Martha's Brother and Sisters Ministry - a sheet asking for details from family members of the deceased so that those involved in funeral organization might be better informed.
- Carol Miller -
  - Also had a question (on behalf of a fellow parishioner) about 11:00 Mass parking. Fr. David and Paul Eddy reassured that there should be plenty of spots at the Parish Center.
- Steve Good -
  - Reiterated that the next Social Justice committee meeting will be the 27th of September.

IX. Next Meeting Scheduled: Tuesday, November 20, 2018, 7:00 PM, in the Parish Center.

X. Closing prayer by Steve Good

XI. Simple Snack - Susan Good and Kathy Sechowski