

Sacred Heart Parish Pastoral Council
Minutes
November 20, 2018, 7:00 PM, at SHP Parish Center
Absent: Nan Tulchinsky, Tom Nowak

- I. Opening prayer –Deacon Bill
- II. Minutes reviewed and approved from the September 18, 2018, meeting with no corrections.
- III. Pastor's report – Fr. David
 - Looking forward to feedback regarding the change of location for the 11:00 a.m. Mass from the crypt to the Parish Center starting December 2nd.
- IV. Religious Education – Michelle Kriss
 - There are currently 35 students enrolled in Religious Education with 5 catechists helping to teach the classes.
 - Upcoming events include the Christmas pageant in December & First Communion and Confirmation which will both take place in May.
 - Adult faith formation - Why Catholic & Pivotal Players series both recently ended and a new series for the Spring is being considered.
- V. Social Justice Ministry report – Steve Good
 - The Social Justice Ministry met in October and selected the agencies to support during Advent with second collections taken during Mass: Our Lady of the Road, Dismas House, North East Neighborhood Food Pantry, & Hope Ministries,
 - He also reported on recent service activities including: helping refugees settle and serving meals at Hope Ministries, Dismas House, and Our Lady of the Road.
 - Also pleased to report that all names from the Christmas giving tree have been taken.
- VI. Old Business
 - Family Resources Center – Kevin Rooney - Peggy Hnastusko was not available for this meeting but will be re-invited for the January meeting. In the meantime, Kevin Rooney plans to represent the parish at a Family Resource Center social gathering in December in order to encourage grad students to consider Sacred Heart for their parish.
 - Parish Retreat or Parish Mission - Tom Nowak. - tabled for next meeting
 - Parish Financial Statement – Paul Eddy stated that the parish financial statement will most likely be mailed out to parishioners in January.
 - Sacred Heart Parish Fellowship – Jim Kapsa and Paul Thornton reported that over a dozen people met to create a steering committee for the new SHP Fellowship group. They had their first meeting on Nov. 11th and brainstormed various ways in which to successfully begin a fellowship committee at Sacred Heart. They will be working on a survey to share with parishioners within the next few months. Tom Sullivan serves as chairman of this new group focusing on cross-generational fellowship and community building among parishioners.

- Raffle Ticket Sales – Shelly Nycum reported that raffle ticket sales at ND home football games brought in a little less than \$7,000. They plan on selling again at the Blue/Gold game in the Spring.

VII. New Business

- Flowers for Advent and Christmas – Carol Miller proposed ideas for Advent and Christmas decorations and received feedback from the parish council.
- Epiphany Mass and Brunch January 6, 2019 – Paul Thornton reported that we will not be able to use the Basilica for Mass on the feast of the Epiphany so it was decided that the regular Mass schedule will be followed that day, followed by brunch after the 11:00 Mass. The wise men will appear at the brunch rather than at all of the Masses. Tickets will be sold during the weekends of December 1st & 2nd, 8th & 9th, and 15th & 16th.
- The Parish Council thanked Paul Eddy for over 23 years of service to Sacred Heart Parish as he will be retiring January 1st.

VIII. Round Table –

Father David -

reminded everyone that Dec. 8th falls on a Saturday this year and it is a holy day of obligation that must be observed along with the normal Sunday obligation. He emphasized that Catholics must go to Mass twice that weekend.

Kathy Sechowski -

asked about spaces in the crypt for families with little ones who might be seeking a cry room. Though Father David made it clear that young ones are always welcome, it was suggested that the side room near the piano is always available and remains unlocked for any family that might find it convenient during Mass.

Jim Kapsa -

mentioned that members of Martha's Brother & Sister Ministry will be meeting to better define lines of communication when funerals are scheduled.

Donut services - With the 11:00 Mass being moved to the Parish Center, donut services will start again the Sunday after Epiphany. Jim Kapsa is requesting help with donuts.

From Tom Nowak (not present): Via e-mail -

Wanted to thank Fr. David for including a petition for our Jewish brothers and sisters after the tragedy that occurred in Pittsburgh, highlighting that it was a very pastoral and considerate petition to include.

IX. Next Meeting Scheduled: Tuesday, January 15, 2019 7:00 PM, in the Parish Center.

X. Closing prayer by Michelle Kriss

XI. Simple Snack - Annie Borjas and Shelly Nycum