

Sacred Heart Parish Pastoral Council  
Meeting Minutes  
January 15, 2019, 7:00 PM, at SHP Parish Center  
Members Absent: Michelle Kriss, Steven Good, Stephanie Strasser

- I. Opening prayer – Susan Good
- II. Family Resources Center – Kevin Rooney
  - Peggy Hnatusko was invited but not able to attend this meeting. She has been invited to the March 19, 2019, meeting. Kevin, however, was able to distribute information about the parish to the Family Resources Center at a Christmas event, making the parish and its many opportunities available.
- III. Minutes approved from the November 20, 2018, meeting.
- IV. Pastor's Report – Fr. David
  - Attendance at the new location for the 11:00 Mass has been as expected and positive feedback has been received. In general, attendance at all recent Masses has been higher than normal recently, and we have also welcomed many new parishioners as of late.
  - As of Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>, there is currently an active search for business manager. In the meantime, thank you to Joe Nycum who is willing to step in and help keep things afloat while Paul Eddy enjoys retirement.
- V. Religious Education – Michelle Kriss not present
  - Father David reported that Religious Ed is restarting on Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>.
- VI. Social Justice Ministry report
  - Tom Nowak reported that Advent second collections were generous.
  - Lenten second collections will be considered at the next Social Justice Ministry meeting.
  - Recent aide for local refugees was explained, including funding for English lessons.
  - Possibility of participating in upcoming St. Margaret House fundraiser was also discussed.
- VII. Old Business
  - Parish Retreat or Parish Mission – Tom Nowak reflected on the Diocesan guidelines for the purposes and duties of the Parish Council including the spiritual renewal and temporal welfare of the parish. He proposed the question: Would it benefit the Parish Council to hold a retreat or Parish Mission that allows us to reflect on how we meet these guidelines? Paul Thornton responded with thoughts on how our parish currently meets both spiritual and social needs through parish-wide events including the Parish Picnic, Epiphany Mass, Seder Meal, Ash Wednesday Simple Soup Luncheon, etc. The council also discussed current religious education offerings and reflected on how a retreat or Parish Mission would allow for a short two-or three-day commitment versus a long-term commitment such as a small faith group or some other type of current religious education offering. Decision was made to continue reflecting on this idea.
  - Parish Financial Statement to be published – This is still Paul Eddy, still in the works. Pam Von Rahl asked about any upcoming audits. Father David stated that it is

Diocesan policy to have an audit with any change of business manager and this is planned for the near future.

- Sacred Heart Parish Fellowship – Paul Thornton stated that a survey will soon be finished and distributed to parishioners.
- Donuts after 11:00 AM Mass at the Parish Center – Jim Kapsa reported that donuts were served after the most recent 11:00 Mass in the Parish Center and that all are invited. A donation box will be available to help cover the costs.
- Flowers for Advent and Christmas Review– Carol Miller reports that everything went very well and volunteers were extremely efficient. Thank you to everyone who helped! Regarding decorations, Father David also talked about his hopes for finding additional figures for the Parish’s Nativity scenes.
- Epiphany Mass and Brunch Review– Paul Thornton reported that the brunch went very well. It is always one of the biggest highlights of the year! A few minor changes were made including free valet service and fun gift baskets for those in attendance. It was suggested that we continue to use the Morris Inn for next year.

#### VIII. New Business

- Ash Wednesday Mass and Simple Soup Luncheon originally planned for March 6, 2019, 11:00 AM – Pam Von Rahl was last year’s chairperson and reported that last year’s event was not well attended. There was discussion about changing the time to later in the evening to encourage attendance. Plans were made to offer Mass at 5:30 p.m. with a Simple Soup Supper to follow.
- Seder Meal: Wednesday of Holy Week, April 17, 2019, 6:00PM – Nan Tulchinsky and Cindi Pilot are in charge

#### IX. Round Table –

- Shelly Nycum asked about the perimeter of Sacred Heart Parish property outside the Crypt. With our recent move out of the Presbytery and our traditional space for sales moved, a new location of ND raffle ticket sales was considered. She also encouraged volunteers to sign up to help sell raffle tickets during next year’s football season.
- Susan Good encouraged the Council to join in on St. Mary’s College’s 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary
- Tom Nowak invited all to help serve breakfast at Our Lady of the Road
- Jim Kapsa wanted to thank Deacon Bill for working with Forever Learning Institute and to thank Father David for a check from the parish for over \$1,000 for the Food Pantry
- Nan also wanted to thank all volunteers at the Food Pantry and encouraged donations of adult-sized coats and jackets to the food pantry.
- Kevin Rooney asked about beginning a children’s procession of the presentation of food donations at the 9:30 a.m. Mass.

X. Next Meeting Scheduled: Tuesday, March 19, 2019 7:00 PM, in the Parish Center.

XI. Closing prayer by Jim Kapsa

XII. Simple Snack - Jim Kapsa and Pam Von Rahl