Sacred Heart Parish Pastoral Council

Meeting Minutes

March 19, 2019, 7:00 PM, at SHP Parish Center

Members Absent: Steven Good, Tom Nowak, Carol Miller

1. Opening prayer – Fr. David
2. Family Resources Center – Kevin Rooney invited Peggy Hnatusko from the Family Resources Center to speak at this month’s meeting. She gave a detailed overview of the services they provide to a diverse group of more than 1,000 married or parenting graduate students at Notre Dame. Peggy stated that The Family Resources Center is eager to build a relationship with Sacred Heart Parish, describing a variety of ways in which the parish could provide support including adult mentorship to married students, programming and support for families with children, food pantry support to families with food insecurity, and volunteers to help with crisis situations.
3. Minutes reviewed and approved from the January 15, 2019, meeting.
4. Pastor’s Report – Fr. David
   * New Business Manager – Fr. David introduced the Sacred Heart Parish’s new business manager, Robert D. Brown, an outgoing captain of the “C” shift of the ND fire department. He goes by R.D. and has quickly jumped in and is ready to get to work.
   * Parish Financial Report was sent out
   * Other items – Fr. David also shared thoughts about new themes for the summer parish picnic and a desire to include more activities for the children if possible
5. Religious Education – Michelle Kriss
   * Michelle reported that the Religious Education students are almost to the end of the school year at this point and that most catechists are ND students who are doing a wonderful job preparing their students for 1st Eucharist (May 5th – 3 students) and Confirmation (May 25th – 4 students)
   * Retreats for 2nd and 8th grade students receiving these sacraments will take place soon.
   * As for Adult Faith Formation, Michelle Kriss also noted that Pivotal Players meets regularly along with a few Why Catholic groups that are still meeting.
   * Michelle also announced that she will soon be retiring.
6. Social Justice Ministry report – e-mail from Tom Nowak shared: They are very thankful for the generous 2nd Lenten collections. He also mentioned an upcoming United Religious Community prayer breakfast. The Social Justice Ministry usually sponsors one table at this event.
7. Old Business

* Parish Retreat/ Parish Mission – Discussions on this topic continue to be placed on hold in Tom Nowak’s absence
* Sacred Heart Parish Fellowship – has consolidated surveys from the parishioners and will meet soon to discuss. Father David recommended a name change that more fully reflects the ministry’s mission, such as “Fun & Fellowship at Sacred Heart”
* Donuts after 11:00 AM Mass at the Parish Center – Jim Kapsa – Donuts after Mass began in January, the week after Epiphany and, as a social activity, has been working very well with the help of volunteers. Jim reported on a wonderful “miracle” that has blessed this activity…fellow parishioner, Susan Soisson, who works at the Center for Culinary Excellence at IvyTech, has been able to offer baked goods from her program to the parish each week and we are thankful for her donations and thoughtfulness.
  + Ash Wednesday Mass and Simple Soup Dinner Review– Pam Von Rahl – Moving this event from lunch (as had been done in previous years) to dinner time seemed to be well received. Mass was well attended and around 50 people stayed for the simple soup dinner. Pam reported on a few complications with scheduling but, overall, the event was a success.

1. New Business
   * Seder Meal: Wednesday of Holy Week, April 17, 2019, 6:00PM – Nan Tulchinsky and Cyndi Pilot – Tickets go on sale this weekend at all Masses, $15 per person, 80 tickets will be sold. The Parish Council discussed possible options for volunteers to help serve this meal (seminarians, RCIA students, etc.) and Father David will follow through with this.
   * Flowers for Easter – Carol Miller – not present, but Paul Thornton reported that Carol would like to see even more flowers ordered this year because of the two locations for Masses. Father David agreed that this will be needed.
   * Start the process for New Pastoral Council Members to be in place July 1, 2019 – Susan Good will continue on for three more years, Anne Borjas and Paul Thornton will have completed 6 years, finishing their terms. Jim Kapsa will take over Paul Thornton’s role as president and Father David will seek out two parishioners to join the pastoral council.

1. Round Table –
   * Deacon Bill – impressed with number of people who attended Ash Wednesday Mass and soup supper, noting that dinner seemed better attended than lunch.
   * R.D. Brown – willing to help with anything, asked for specific details about the Seder Meal and his role in this event.
   * Michelle Kriss – likely retiring this summer after 10 years at Sacred Heart, Father David will begin searching for replacement as well as working on a new job description
   * Kathy – wanted to make sure Stations around the lake will take place on Good Friday (yes)
   * Susan Good – Thanked volunteers for the soup on Ash Wednesday
   * Shelly Nycum – April 13th, Spring Blue-Gold Game, looking for volunteers to sign up to help sell raffle tickets for SHP from 9:00-12:00. Father David recommended talking to Game Day for finding an appropriate location on campus to sell these with approval from the University. The SHP members also talked to R.D. about getting volunteers on campus easily the day of the sales.
   * Jim Kapsa – Thank you to Deacon Bill for teaching a religion class at the Forever Learning Institute. Jim also wanted to know if Father has received any feedback from parishioners about needing a microphone in the Parish Center Chapel and the possibility of reminding lectors to project their voices if needed.
2. Next Meeting Scheduled: Tuesday, May 21, 2019 7:00 PM, in the Parish Center.
3. Closing prayer by Deacon Bill
4. Simple Snack - Stephanie Strasser and Kevin Rooney