

# **Minutes from Sacred Heart Parish Pastoral Council Meeting**

## **September 19, 2019**

**Parish Council:** Fr. David Trask, Kathy Carpenter, Jackie Findish, Sharon Miller, Kathy Schreiber, Jim Schultis, Daniel Steinacker, Lori Taylor, Mary Jo Ockenga (secretary)

**Absent:** Deacon Daw

Kathy C led the formation prayer at the beginning of the meeting.

**MINUTES:** The minutes from the May meeting were approved with the following correction: per the August 12, 2019 informal meeting, two Parish Council seats will need to be filled by December 2019, not in October 2019.

### **PASTOR'S REPORT:**

- a. The east driveway will be repaved by the City of Oberlin, the owner of the access road to the water tower. Grinding and removal of the existing asphalt will begin September 20 and paving will be done in October. Parishioners won't be able to use the driveway until the work is completed.
- b. Fr. would like to encourage parishioners to use the east driveway to access the parish parking lot and use the driveway to the west of the education building to exit the parking lot, thus facilitating traffic flow, especially during PSR classes on Sunday.
- c. Fr. reported that the Spiritual Life Committee had discussed a community work day/potluck to be scheduled for Saturday, October 5, 2019. It was suggested that parishioners meet at 1 p.m., work for an hour or two on a maintenance project (i.e. wash the pews in the church) and/or pray the Rosary, attend Mass and then have a potluck dinner. The parish would provide the chicken. Although Jack Kubicki volunteered to cook the meal, Fr. felt that it was important for everyone to be involved in providing components of the meal.

Jackie said that Susan Hanko was having trouble getting anyone to sign up to work. If not enough people sign up, the event will be only a potluck after the 4 p.m. Mass.

- d. The weekend of October 5, 2019 is also the Feast of St. Francis. Fr. will ask Deacon Daw about the annual Blessing of the Animals.
- e. Upon the advice of the local police department, the doors to the Education Building will be locked after the children have arrived for PSR on Sundays. Latecomers will have to knock on the door to be admitted.
- f. To help the transition of the new PSR director, Ann Linden will help with First Communion and Confirmation.

- g. The parish received a diocesan grant for a 50" TV, a DVD, a LCD projector and an equipment stand worth approximately \$1,500. The grant, written by Ann Linden, was one of several grants she wrote with a benefit to the parish of approximately \$3,200.
- h. The work on the church's soffit replacement will begin soon.
- i. Repair work in the kitchen continues. There was a leak in one of the three filters inside the cabinet under the pop machine. The pop machine was eliminated due to the cost to maintain it as well as to limited use of the machine. A stainless steel table will replace the cabinet.
- j. Fr. gave copies of the Finance Committee report to council members. He noted that income was down as well as expenses. Although the parish has no debt, costly repairs such as removal of asbestos tile in the kitchen could stress parish finances.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. Fun Fair – Jim reported that the event went well with a good flow of people visiting the booth. The parish was well represented with volunteers. The children liked the water coloring activity. Members of St. Patrick's joined the Sacred Heart booth, passing out information and rosaries.
- b. Building Committee – Dan reported that the committee met, generating a list of maintenance issues that need to be addressed. The list of projects will be given to Fr.
- c. Parish Council pictures – Lori has updated the pictures.
- d. August informal council meeting – Dan said that Kathy Gulish brought up the “Theology on Tap” program as a way of giving young adults a way of sharing their faith. Dan said that, due to time constraints, he will not be able to work on this project. The Feve agreed to let the parish meet in the upper room.

There was discussion about who will be targeted for such a program. Will it be open to all or limited to a young adult age range? Fr. suggested talking to other parishes that are using the program. He noted that if the event is labeled as “Theology on Tap”, a diocesan program, the diocesan guidelines may have to be followed and will dictate who is invited to attend. He also suggested that the Oberlin College youth minister might be a good contact.

Jim volunteered to contact Kathy G to see if she would like to take on this project.

- e. Youth group – Jackie reported that there were no new activities to report. She had been thinking of activities that were not age restrictive but would get kids involved such as pumpkin carving, making Advent wreaths and palm weaving at Easter.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Two people are needed for Council replacements. Fr. noted that last year someone

spoke at Mass, and Council members were available after Mass to speak to interested parishioners.

There is a form for candidates to fill out. Dan will look for it. The process will start the second or third week of October.

- b. Jim said that his dog had just been certified as therapy dog. If anyone has a need, let him know.
- c. Kathy S, based on personal experience, suggested the creation of a referral guide to help parishioners experiencing problems. She had envisioned a list of parishioners who would be willing to talk to parishioners needing support.

Fr. suggested developing a professional resource guide rather than one that taps untrained individuals. A notice could be put in the bulletin asking parishioners for professional contacts with whom they have had experience. A help guide could be created from that information and be available through the parish office. If questions about the professional providers came up, the person who referred the provider could give permission to be contacted.

Kathy S agreed to follow up on this topic.

#### **COMMISSION REPORTS:**

- **Finance** – see Item J in the Pastor's Report.
- **LIFT** – Kathy C reported that the group has resumed meeting the first Tuesday of the month. The group is trying to book Sr. Cheryl Rose again.
- **PSR** – Jackie said that Molly reported that PSR is off to good start with close to 60 children enrolled. Fr. noted that next year the tuition fees will be incrementally increased, probably July 1 and August 1, in an effort to encourage timely enrollment of children in the program.
- **Peace and Justice Committee** – Fr. said that the annual Baby Bottle campaign for Birthright will start the first weekend of October. A human trafficking program is scheduled for October 3 in the Education Building.
- **Social Programming** – there was no report at this time.
- **Spiritual Life** – Jackie said that the group is planning for the work day, and they are working on the parish Mission.

#### **Quarterly Reports:**

**Sunshine** – Kathy S reported that she and Cherie Parrish have assumed coffee hour duties. Approximately 10 people attended the September 14 and 25 the September 15

coffee hours. They will try to remind people of the coffee hour through the bulletin and with end-of-Mass announcements.

Cards continue to be sent out.

**Newsletter** – no report at this time

**Parish nursing program** – no report at this time

The next meeting of Parish Pastoral Council will be October 17, 2019, 7:00 p.m. in the education building. Jim will be gone. It was noted that the Bus trip is the same day.

Next Formation Prayer: Jackie

Fr. closed with prayer.