

# Minutes of Sacred Heart Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

**April 16, 2015**

**Parish Council:** Fr. Robert Cole, Deacon Thomas Daw, Carrie Kubicki, Tracy Leverknight, Cindy Sanders, Jack Secrist, Carrol Wilhelm  
Kathy Gulish (secretary)

**Absent:** Chad Grude, Connie Loflin, Maria Mutnansky

Carrie led the formation prayer at the beginning of the meeting.

**Minutes:** The minutes from the March meeting were approved as submitted.

## **PASTOR'S REPORT:**

a. Update on sale of the rectory and new construction

Both are still in the hands of the Diocesan office. They are working through the process to draw up the contracts between Sacred Heart and the builder and between Sacred Heart and Family Promise. The Bishop wants to have both contracts done at the same time; he does not want to have one contract signed without the other. Father Cole and Deacon Tom held a meeting after both Masses the weekend of March 21/22 to allow parishioners to examine the plans more closely and to ask questions.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

a. Rosary Ministry

Dolores Bean and Tracy Leverknight have been working together on the rosary ministry. They have gotten beads and plan to offer a class to the parish at some point. Then, they would like for the ministry group to meet on a somewhat regular basis, perhaps once a month or every other month, to make rosaries. Dolores has been putting the ones they have already made at the church, packaged with a rosary card, and would like to eventually send them to the missions. They also have directions to make rosaries for the military.

b. Pilgrimage to Cleveland Cathedral and churches

The tour has been scheduled for June 11<sup>th</sup>. They will depart from the parking lot at Sacred Heart at 9:00 am and will return at approximately 4:00 pm. The tour will consist of St. Mary's Seminary in Wickliffe, St. Stanislaus and the Cathedral in Cleveland, and St. Nicholas Byzantine Church in Lorain. In addition to the visitations to the churches, they will stop at Sterle's on East 55<sup>th</sup> and Superior for lunch. The cost will be \$25 per person plus whatever each person chooses to spend on lunch. They would like to have 30-35 people taking the tour and will advertise to the other churches in our cluster.

c. Children's Missal

Father Cole is passing on the information to Spiritual Life as he felt that this is something that should come from them. It was felt that a missal for the younger ones would be a good idea. Spiritual Life will be discussing this when they meet.

d. Ministry commitment form

Carrol had previously shared with Council a ministry commitment form that asked parishioners to commit to a particular ministry for a specified length of time. She is going to create a version that would be more appropriate for our parish and will bring it to Council at a later date.

e. Food Collection Bags

Cindy had previously brought a sample of a canvas bag that she had printed with a Sacred Heart logo. The cost for the bag she presented is about \$8 per bag. The bulk price for 50 or more would be only slightly less. The idea is that these bags would be available for parishioners to take once a month, fill with needed items for our food distributions, and bring it back. We would just keep recycling the bags each month. Father Cole approved purchasing the bags, and Mona Piroch has volunteered to take charge of the food pantry.

f. Book: Rebuilt and finalizing our mission statement

Council met Thursday, April 9, and had a very lively, lengthy discussion regarding what should be our mission statement. Rather than spending a lot of time discussing the book, we used it as a springboard to discuss what we wanted to create in our mission statement. We concluded that Jesus had given us a mission through Matthew. However, we then discussed what that meant to us and how we should do this. Ultimately there was consensus amongst those in attendance that we needed to bring that mission more to a local level, to make it more relevant to our parishioners – inspiring the lost and mattering in people's lives, both here at Sacred Heart and through the Catholic Church in general. We wanted to keep the mission statement simple, easily understood, and based on the mission given to us from Jesus. After much discussion, we formulated a working mission statement. Council members were then asked to continue to consider the statement with the idea that we would discuss it further at this week's council meeting and adjust the statement as necessary. Jack commented that our mission statement should be representative of what we stand for and what we believe in, and as such, it should be made visible and put in our bulletin. Father commented that the mission statement should be our ruler, what we measure ourselves by and what we need to do as a Catholic Church. Father suggested a slight revision to the working mission statement:

*As baptized Catholics, we accept our call from Jesus Christ to a personal relationship with Him and to be His presence in the world by reaching the lost, inspiring the faithful, and making the Church essential in the lives of our people.*

Council members are asked to continue to consider this version of the mission statement for further discussion at our next meeting.

g. Election process

Tracy, Maria, and Chad have volunteered to assist Cindy as part of a subcommittee to review the election process.

h. Chili Cook-off

Tracy reported that everything is set for the cook-off. They have people to take the tickets and to bring desserts. They also have all the condiments and accompaniments for the chili. Judy Kruger will run the dishwasher so they can use regular bowls rather than paper products. They just need to get a couple of small door prizes.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

a. Guest Speaker

Cindy commented that those who went to the First Friday Forum in March heard a very dynamic speaker, Sister Lisa Marie Belz, talk about St. Paul and the role of women. While there, Cindy asked Sr. Belz if she would consider coming to Sacred Heart to give this talk and she affirmed that she would. Father will take the suggestion to Eric Carpenter and Spiritual Life. It was suggested that Sr. Belz might be a potential speaker for a future mission.

b. Parish Picnic

Our annual parish picnic will be June 28<sup>th</sup>. Tracy had provided a copy of the revised outline of what needs to be done. There has to be a change to some extent this year because we will need to move the site of the Mass and picnic. The Mass has always been held outside, in front of the church, but because we had to put in an electrical line, a trench was dug across the usual site and the grass is torn up. Therefore, the Mass will probably need to be indoors this year. The site of the picnic also needs to be moved due to the pavilion area being readied for the new construction. It was suggested previously that picnic tables might be set up on the east side of the education building, closer to the parking lot so that people do not have to walk as far. However, since the picnic tables are currently in storage, it was decided that it would be better to just use tables from the education building. We can also use the hall and some of the rooms in the education building, particularly if the weather is inclement.

Things are pretty well organized for the picnic. McDonalds will supply burgers, buns pickles, cheese, and cones for the ice cream. Jack Kubicki is ready for his part in cooking. They still need to check with Greszlers to make sure they will do the ice cream again this year.

### **COMMISSION REPORTS:**

1. **Finanace (Fr. Cole)**

They will get together again once we have the contracts for the sale of the rectory and the new construction.

2. **IHN (Connie)**

There is nothing new to report at this time. The dates for hosting were already set.

3. **PSR (Chad)**

Carrie reported that the children enjoyed doing the little feet during Lent.

4. **Peace and Justice Committee (Jack)**

Peace and Justice was meeting this evening so there is no report at this time.

5. **Social Programming (Maria)**

The Chili Cook-off is set.

6. **Spiritual Life (Chad)**

There was no report at this time.

7. **Sunshine Committee (Jack)**

There was no report at this time.

8. **Youth Group (Carrie)**

They want to do a Mother's Day tea or luncheon for their mothers. They made blankets for IHN and one for Kyle Riggs. They also did motivational cards for Kyle and will continue to do that. They are going to make goodie bags for the ward that Kyle is on to cheer up the other children on the floor as well. Carrie asked about upgrading the playground, but the sandbox will be going to Family Promise and once a new pavilion is put up, the playground area will be revised anyway. They are also going to redo the youth room and try to come up with a name for the group that will make it more their own.

The next meeting of Parish Pastoral Council will be May 21 at 7:00 pm in the Education building.