

Minutes of Sacred Heart Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

February 16, 2017

Parish Council: Fr. Robert Cole, Linda Butler, Jack Kubicki, Jr., Sharon Miller, Maria Mutnansky, Daniel Steinacker, Michael Todhunter, Carrol Wilhelm
Kathy Gulish (secretary)

Absent: Deacon Thomas Daw, Susan Hanko

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

MINUTES: The minutes from the January meeting were approved as submitted.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

a. The Lenten mission will be March 19, 20, and 21. Fr. Norm Douglas and Larry "the lawyer" Vuillemin will be returning as presenters.

OLD BUSINESS:

a. Amendment to the bylaws for election of chairperson and vice chairperson of Council

It had been recommended previously that the selection each year of the new chairperson and vice chairperson for Council be moved from the January meeting to the December meeting. The rationale was that those members who have already served on Council for at least a year would have a better perspective on who would be a good choice to serve as chairperson and vice chairperson. Newly selected members to Council are seated each January, and since they are just beginning their time on Council, they may not know the other members of Council or be in the best position to choose the leaders of Council. Moving the election of chairperson and vice chairperson to December would involve amending Article V, Section 1 of the bylaws. This change was approved by Council.

b. Review of the committees/commissions that are reported on at each Council meeting

In reviewing which committees and/or commissions are reported on each month at Council, it was decided that Sunshine Committee would now be reported on quarterly (January, April, and September). Activities of other commissions and committees of the parish, such as the parish nursing program, newsletter, etc., would also be reported on at these quarterly marks, to the extent that Council members have been informed of their activities.

c. Ideas for events to improve visibility of Sacred Heart Church within the community

Carrol reported that she had checked with someone from the city and had also looked at the community calendar. The main event in Oberlin, besides Juneteenth, seemed to be the Oberlin Family Fun Fair and Classic Car Show, which will be held August 5, 2017. Carrol reported that lots of people set up tables on Tappan Square for this event and suggested that it would be good for

us to participate also. The consensus of Council was that this would be a good opportunity for us to increase our visibility within the community. Carrol will get more information on registering for the event. Representatives would need to man the table throughout the day, but we could divide the time into shifts. It was suggested that we could put out some literature on our activities and ministries as well as a brochure with a brief history of the parish. It was also suggested that in addition to handing out literature, perhaps some type of activity or game might be set up at our table. Discussion of what we might do will be continued at the next meeting.

d. Newsletter

Carrol reported that the newsletter is ready to be printed and will hopefully be in parishioners' hands by Ash Wednesday.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. New piano

Our music department has a new addition – a baby grand piano that was donated to the church. It has been tuned and is ready to use.

b. Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross is held on the Fridays of Lent at 7:30 PM, led usually by one of our parish organizations. The following groups have tentatively been assigned to the following dates:

- March 3 – Spiritual Life
- March 10 – LIFT
- March 17 – Peace and Justice
- March 24 – Youth Group (or Father Cole)
- March 31 – Majority of One
- April 7 – Parish Council

c. Role of the Newman Center/Newman Ministries

Dan asked how the Newman Center at Oberlin College works in relation to our church. Father explained that through the Newman Ministries, a priest is scheduled to hold Mass on campus on Sunday evenings when school is in session. At times, the students may attend Mass at our church, but the Newman Ministries is a service to the college students who may not be able to leave campus or who are otherwise engaged in their studies and college life.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

• **Finance:**

The next meeting is March 7.

• **IHN:**

We will host IHN the week of March 5 – 12.

Family Promise will now be accepting pregnant mothers into their program.

To get this new part of the program off to a good start, there will be a baby shower on Feb. 19 at Avon Lake public library from 2:00 – 4:00 if anyone would like to donate baby gifts.

Family Promise is sponsoring a reverse raffle on March 18 from 6:00-11:00

PM at Nativity BVM in South Amherst. Purchasing a \$100 raffle ticket qualifies you for a chance at \$5000 while a \$20 ticket puts you into a secondary raffle.

Tickets include an all-you-can-eat corned beef buffet. All proceeds will go to benefit Family Promise.

- **LIFT:**

Sister Cheryl Rose will be speaking on April 7. Her topic will be: "True self, false self - what is the ego self, or the self society promotes, and what is our true self?"

The next meeting is March 7. They will be finishing the book they have been discussing and will be looking for a new book to start.

- **PSR:**

First reconciliation is on Feb. 25, and in March, the rest of the students will have an opportunity to have individual confession times with Father Cole. PSR students will be asked to help write for the fall issue of the parish newsletter.

- **Peace and Justice:**

The program on the opiate epidemic was well attended with approximately 35 people there.

The refugee family project is on hold because of the immigrant ban. They will hold on to the furniture that has been donated for the time being, and then will decide if it needs to be put into storage somewhere if necessary.

Since one of Peace and Justice's mission goals is to educate the parish in Catholic social teaching and to keep people informed about current issues and possible actions that might be taken, the committee has come up with some suggestions of ways to carry out this mission. They are looking at possibly setting up an information table at coffee hour as well as other ways to get information out to parishioners.

The annual dinner for Peace and Justice will be March 18 at St. Vincent de Paul parish. Reservations are due by March 10.

- **Social Programming:**

The fish fries will be on March 31 and April 7. Parishioners may donate bakery items for either or both fish fries. Discounted tickets will be available if purchased early. Jack will check that announcements will be in the bulletin.

- **Spiritual Life:**

They are busily preparing for the parish mission.

- **Sunshine Committee:**

Sunshine Committee will now be reported on quarterly.

- **Youth Group:**

The next meeting will be Feb. 26. Michael will check on the date for youth group to lead Stations of the Cross and report back to Father Cole.

The next meeting of Parish Pastoral Council will be March 16 at 7:00 PM in the education building.

Formation prayer: Jack, Jr.