

Pastoral Council Meeting

Minutes

April 19, 2017

Sacred Heart

6:30 pm

Roll Call: Present: Fr. Klag, Vicki Rush, David Borho, Christine Brenner, Jim Ellis, Dan Gillig, Rhonda Westerhaus

Opening Agenda: After an opening prayer by Dan, the minutes from last month's meeting were accepted.

Intentional Discipleship, Chapter 5 was tabled till the next meeting.

Old Business Reports:

Finance: David reported that Finance Council sent additional money for savings with the diocese and that the parish finances were in "good shape". The finance council report was then accepted.

Liturgy Commission: Rhonda reported that the committee continues to meet on Saturday for the regular liturgy business.

Religious Ed: Follow up about the need to reactivate the Religious Ed committee was addressed. Fr. agreed to visit with Erin about contacting previous members, Kim Lee, Kim Evert and Cindy Studer, with the option of inviting any additional members as needed. Summer religious education would include Totus Tuus.

Hispanic Ministry: No report.

Stewardship: David reported that the commission was scheduled to meet on Friday with the agenda of a parish picnic and lector training.

Property and Maintenance: Fr. reported that he would be contacting the organ installers about the building set up for speakers and more.

K of C Dave reported that the K of C Lenten Fish fries were such a success that there is talk of a monthly fish fry starting in May. The K of C would also be sponsoring a Pratt Rec youth baseball team this summer. Lastly, the council is interested in becoming involved in adoration.

Parish Task Force: Vicki reported that the group met and is working on matching actions to objectives and goals for parish formation. Jeanette Siemens is being asked to lead this process for the task force. Vicki then reported that Linda Conkle has volunteered to organize adoration.

Fr. noted the importance of having two persons per hour on the sign-up sheet and the level of commitment this could mean. The preferred time would be after Mass on Wed. through morning Mass on Thursday with Fr. as leader of the exposition. It was noted that some Wed. evenings might conflict with a PSR activity, but the group agreed any night but Sunday was likely to present some conflicts. The council agreed that the task force should proceed.

Fr.'s Report: Fr. noted that the diocesan sponsored Vibrant Ministries representatives are scheduled to be in the parish in the next couple of weeks. To date no parish coordinator has volunteered even though several persons had been approached by Fr. Also noted was the possibility to think ahead in terms of the overall parish budget once the day care expenses would not be of issue after May. Fr. reminded the group that the organ expense would be in the \$40,000 range. In preparation for the new organ, there is a Music Ministry meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 23rd. Fr. suggested that any youth who wanted to learn to play the organ be subsidized by the parish. This would be announced at Mass on Sunday. Church renovations would also be a cost as well as personnel costs should the parish choose to hire a youth director. In the meantime, the parish should continue to put money away with the diocese for whatever expenses should arise. Lastly, Fr. noted that the monthly contribution to the Pratt Hope Center should be raised from \$100 to \$300 per month.

Ministerial Alliance: No report

Parish Directory: David passed around the recently received directory. Christine reported that the booklets would be mailed to those whose pictures were included and that the extra would be made available to other parishioners.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Council Officers: Dan reported that 6 possible candidates for the one open slot of Pastoral Council would be invited to attend the May meeting. The election process was then discussed and the group agreed that the tried and true tradition of selection from a hat after Mass would be the best way to proceed.

Women of Sacred Heart: Rhonda wanted to note that Kim Evert, head of women of Sacred Heart extended thanks to those who helped clean the church before Easter. It was also noted that the women would be serving a light supper to the Vibrant Ministries committee the week of their visit.

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 18 at 6:30 pm.

After a closing prayer led by Fr., the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda Westerhaus, Secretary

