

SACRED HEART PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

January 23, 2018

7:00 PM SACRED HEART PARISH CENTER

Parish Council Members Present: Fr. David Carrano, Deacon Tom Hale, Joe Svetlik, Joe Hasler, Pat Haugh, Pete Edwards, Bill Wilde and Lisa Jernander.

Meeting called to order: President – Joe Hasler

Gathering Prayer: Led by Father Dave.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the November 21st meeting were approved by consensus.

Continuing Business:

- A. **Volunteer Appreciation Event** – Friday April 28th. Bill W, and Joe S, have volunteered to assist Father Dave with the planning, Father Dave will be asking Barb Williams to join them in the planning. Discussion was held on the agenda for the evening events. More to follow next month.
- B. **Major Fund-raising plan** – Has time come to initiate large project for the Parish? The Finance Council met about the idea of a gathering space, and/or update the area behind the alter. Something will be appearing in the bulletin to let the Parish know about starting this process. Pat H. suggested checking on adding an additional street light at the corner of 6th St. & Willow St.

New Business:

- A. www.SHCreedsburg.org – Father Dave reported the new website is visually appealing, user friendly and more interactive for staff to update.
- B. **Emergency Management** – Father Dave, Deacon Tom and Angela met with a Police Officer for planning. A plan has been put in print for ushers. A suggestion is locking outer doors. The Police Chief suggested someone watch in a yellow vest like a parking lot attendant. Discussion was held that locking glass doors wouldn't prevent someone wanting to do harm. Would it be better to have someone outside? Would that scare parishioners from coming into church?
- C. **Fire/Tornado Prevention** – Father Dave will be talking to the Sauk County Emergency Management to do a walkthrough of our campus and develop a plan.

Board and other Reports:

- A. **Finance** – Joe H. reported that the Offertory continues to lag behind last year; however non-member donations thus far are at \$14,000 and budgeted at \$8,000 for the same time period.
- B. **School** – Pete reported that the Chili Supper is upcoming this weekend which averages about \$4,000 of income for the school. He was surprised at how much fund raising that is done continually at school. They had Pizza Ranch Tip Night, script cards, crusader cards and have a bake sale upcoming.

Pete asked to have the weekly newsletter sent to all Council members. It was unanimous that Council members approved receiving them.

- C. Buildings and Grounds** – No meeting was held and nothing new to report.
- D. Faith Formation** – Trivia night is coming up on March 2nd at St. Joe's.
- E. Liturgy & Music**– Lisa went over the minutes that were in the meeting packet.
- F. Justice & Peace** – Joe S. highlighted, that Hearts & Minds Together is being worked on. It is a 11 week program that meets 1 ½ hours per week. A Tolerance symposium is being worked on with a 6 or 7 person panel of men, women, different ages, and ethnicity to look at biases and prejudices. A Food Fair is being held March 3rd in the SHS gym.
- G. Human Concerns** – Pat reported the group has not met, however she is still active the First year of Grieving, sending out bereavement cards.
- H. Hispanic Ministry** – Joe H reported the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe was a great event. Father Dave reported the posada that was held a couple of Saturday's prior to Christmas. The first week's attendance was 25 people, and the 2nd week was 40 people which he felt was a great turnout. Father Dave has been unable to obtain a Spanish speaking priest to take any additional Hispanic masses in working toward weekly masses. Father Dave would like to have weekly masses during lent. He will be contacting a St. Joe's priest to pick up Sunday masses. Father Aswaldo who comes on Friday evenings twice per month to work with the Hispanic Community on sacraments. He suggested having a Hispanic faith formation. Discussion then was held on having one faith formation, one parish community. Pat A. tried hand outs in Spanish last year, without a lot of success. It was concluded that even though it would be ideal to have one faith formation group, for practical purposes perhaps two make sense.

Pastoral Minister Report: - Deacon Tom reported that an increase in Baptismal requests. He is dealing with the assisted living facilities in town being quarantined due to the flu. RCIA has 2 candidates.

Council Member Comments – Joe H – One of his co-workers had a death in the family and had his first dealings with Father Dave. He felt Father Dave was so caring and compassionate, and the family was very grateful.

Father Dave Comments – During Lent- Stations of the Cross will be after the Tues. afternoon mass and Thurs. morning mass. On March 21st there will be a Communal Penance. On March 9 & 10th there will be 24 hours for the Lord being held this year at St. Joe's. World Day of the Sick is held on Feb. 11th, which this year happens to be a Sunday. There will be an anointing after the 8AM mass and will be advertised in the bulletin. Father Dave is thinking about offering individual penance during Lent from 5 – 6pm on Thursday. If this starts it will continue all throughout Lent.

The next meeting will be held on February 20th at 7:00PM.

Closing prayer: Deacon Tom

Meeting adjourned: 8:10 PM

Respectfully Submitted: Lisa Jernander, Secretary.