

**Sacred Heart Parish Council**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**6:45 pm Tuesday, December 8, 2015**

**Attendance**

Fr. Hector Navalo C.M.F., Tom Walmsley, Greg Nutting, Mark Otradovec, Joellyn Reuter, Ruth Garrison, Dave Roling,  
Jonnathan Paz, Marco Cardenas, Sue Hornback

**Absent**

Joe Struble, Pamela Balcazar, Armando Garcia, Lorenzo Martinez, Martha Rueda, Sally Riegert

1. \*Today's Parish Council Meeting was called to Order and Opened by the members reading different segments of a "Prayer of Gratitude."
2. \*November 10, 2015 Minutes were given some clarification and also amended before then being approved:
  4. *Committee Reports*  
(a. 2, was clarified.) The Diocesan grant money that was awarded to our parish to help fund our Hispanic Committee was primarily used to pay for Julia Valdes' salary. Since Julia is no longer on our parish payroll, a portion of this grant money may need to be returned to the diocese. Also, at this time, there are no plans to fill this position nor are there other ideas that might be approved by the diocese where this unused money could be used.
  5. *Current Business*  
(The following sentence was amended and the words written in **bold** were added.)
    - a. \*The rewording of Objective #1 and its two Action Steps under the Priority of "Outreach" was presented and after discussion the Parish Council agreed to adopt the Pastoral Plan (PP) 2015-2020 **including the new rewording.**
3. \*A summary on Pope Francis' *Evangelii Gaudium* in his book "The Joy of the Gospel," (Part 2), was shared. Tom Walmsley, Greg Nutting, Joellyn Reuter, Sue Hornback & Ruth Garrison read the next three, (3, 4, & 5), of seven major points covered in Pope Francis' Message. Council members were asked to reflect and make any observations that struck them after each message was read. The remaining two messages, (Part 3), will be shared at the next council meeting.
4. *Committee Reports*
  - a. \*After a lengthy discussion it was decided that before the question of which committees should present to the Parish Council and When can be answered, there needs to be a determination on which "Groups" actually exist and which are actually needed. Greg Nutting had compiled and presented a list entitled "Groups/Organizations/Committees/Councils" listing the "Groups" under Article VII of our Parish Council By Laws, Sacred Heart's list currently on record, and the Pastoral Plan (PP). Greg Nutting, Mark Otradovec, and Ruth Garrison volunteered to be a short-term committee to consolidate/delete these "Groups" and be prepared to present our results at the Jan. 2016 Council Meeting.  
\*In further discussing of the PP, this committee will also review the Action Steps receiving Priority 1, highest ranking, which resulted from the "Priorities Discussion at the Oct.17 PP Review Meeting". It was mentioned that Article VII of our Parish Council By Laws is not well written which adds to the above challenge.
5. *Current Business*
  - a. Fr. Hector has approved the PP 2015-2020 as written with the new rewording of Objective #1 and its two Action Steps under the Priority of "Outreach".

- b. We were asked to review the list on How to present the PP to our parishioners from last month's meeting minutes listed under (5.a.1.). The following additional options were discussed at tonight's meeting:
- Leaders of each committee:
    - present to leaders and have them take back to their committee.
    - a concern here is will "Leaders" understand PP well enough to present.
  - Web page – for those not on a committee; meets the needs of both audio & visual parishioners.
  - Present at coffee & donut time.
  - After each Mass, announce in Church that we will have a meeting to follow and present the PP.
  - Post PP on Parish Council Bulletin Board.
  - Email – have Dee & Armida email an attachment to parishioners on her existing email list. (Sue Fry also has an extensive parish email list.)
  - Day and Evening presentations alternating presentations in Spanish and English...total of 4 presentations giving each the opportunity to attend a Day and/or Evening presentation... choose two weekends to accomplish this? (Need to set dates.)
  - Parish Bulletin.
  - Multiple methods.
  - After Mass announcements: just to announce and initiate awareness of PP (not to explain).

The above is a list of options on How to present the PP.

When to present the PP to Parish? It was decided that the month of March will be the PP kick-off.

Date in March to be determined.

Who will present the PP to Parish? PP draft committee, (Tom Walmsley, Bob Horton, Martha Rueda, Sally Riegert, and Ruth Garrison), and Parish Council Members.

- Tom Walmsley will ask Bob Horton if his offer still stands in volunteering to format and make our PP "look good". If yes, Tom will ask Bob if a draft of formatted PP could be ready to present at next Parish Council Meeting scheduled Jan. 12, 2016.
- Tom to call Mark Otradovec to discuss backup plan, only if needed.

- c. Parish Christmas dinner, Dec. 19, update given by Mark Otradovec:

- Sharla Beuerlein to be chief cook. Lorenzo Martinez who had volunteered to cook, found out he has to work that day.
- Menu: ham, turkey and mashed potatoes.
- Masses: 4pm, 9:30am, 12:30pm, & 6pm through the church bulletin have each been assigned dishes to serve.
- Possible donations and left-overs from dinner will be used to give to families in need of food.
- Armando Garcia to head a clean-up committee.
- A white-bearded gentleman from the Vendor Fair has volunteered to be Santa Claus at no cost to our parish and even has his own costume. This man is well versed in being Santa.
- Gifts/candy for the youth: no arrangements yet.
- Set-up: Reuters, Sue Hornback, & Walmsleys volunteered at meeting...Kellners???
- Call & register for dinner was put in church bulletin to get an idea of numbers. No tickets.
- Mark Otradovec to work out other details.

Reminded that this is a Parish Council function and each council member encouraged to be involved in some way.

## 6. New Business – Fr. Hector

(Due to Fr. Hector not having much of a voice, Tom Walmsley assisted in translating Fr.'s comments.)

- a. A flyer was placed in last week's church bulletin promoting the Day of Recollection/Retreat to be held on "The Gospel of Luke" presented by Agustin Carrillo on Sat., January 23 from 8:30am to 3pm.
- b. Fr. Hector wants to present the Knights of Columbus with a grant request for the cost of insulation used on the North Wall in the church hall. Joe Struble & Jay Sebek are working on the insulation. Nicolas May & Armando Garcia are to work on the sheet rock.

Other projects discussed:

--- Lights in church hall: This project is finished. The cost of this project was paid for through Fundraising Committee and individual donations, I.C. donated their lift and others donated their labor & time. All this saved our parish in the total cost of this project.

---Sacristy: The tearing out & replacing of the cabinetry is underway. There are plans to replace the current flooring with a ceramic tile floor and there are possibly other changes in the plans. Cinecio Duarte, Sergio Campos, Armando Garcia, Jay Sebek and Jim Farrar are among some of the parishioners who are volunteering their time and talent to complete this project.

c. Fr. Hector tabled the Administrator/Bookkeeper comments until he has a voice.

7. Good of the Order or possible future agenda items:

- Pursue all the PP presentations
- Greg's short-term committee (refer to 4.a.)

---Changing Article VII By-Laws: Tom Walmsley wants to be a part of this.

Dave Roling announced that he will be retiring the end of this year and "partially" resettling in FL where he will be able to carry out his commitment to family while also working at "Covenant House" in Ft. Lauderdale. Dave's time with this parish will be a "hit & miss" from here on out and he asks us to please keep him in our prayers. Dave will be missed.

8. Meeting adjourned. Fr. Hector did not close the meeting with a prayer due to him not having a voice.

(\* Denotes that a handout was given to PC members.)

**Next Council Meeting: Tuesday, January 12, 2016 at 7:00 pm**

**Respectively submitted,  
Ruth Garrison, Secretary**