

Sacred Heart Parish Council
Meeting Minutes
6:45 pm Tuesday, January 12, 2016

Attendance

Fr. Hector Navalo C.M.F., Tom Walmsley, Greg Nutting, Mark Otradovec, Joellyn Reuter, Ruth Garrison,
Marco Cardenas, Sue Hornback, Pamela Balcazar, Martha Rueda

Absent

Joe Struble, Armando Garcia, Lorenzo Martinez, Sally Riegert, Jonnathan Paz, Dave Roling

1. Today's Parish Council Meeting was called to order and opened. In Jonnathan Paz's absence, Mark Otradovec led Parish Council (PC) members in prayer.
2. *December 8, 2015 Minutes were approved as presented.
3. *A summary on Pope Francis' *Evangelii Gaudium* in his book "The Joy of the Gospel," (Part 3): PC members shared in the reading of the last two messages, (6 & 7). Tom briefly summarized and asked PC members to share their thoughts:
 - Mark Otradovec compared these two messages with what was encouraged in the "Arise" book series, particularly Evangelization.
 - Tom shared that part of the task of PC is to help make each of these seven messages happen at our parish and that is what our Pastoral Plan is all about.PC members were encouraged to reread each of the seven major points covered in Pope Francis' Message.
4. Committee Reports
 - a. Joe Struble & Fr. Hector met earlier today regarding the following renovation updates:
 - North wall: The insulation is finished and Joe plans on the painting to be done by the next couple of weeks.
 - Sacristy: Joe feels that only the flooring needs to be insulated and not the walls.
 - b. (5.g. also addressed here): Can the current format of the Annual Fiscal Finance Report also be used or modified for the new Pastoral Plan (PP) Quarterly Finance Reports first due by this February? The Finance Council (FC), Fr. Hector, and Howard Pohl plan to meet before the February PC meeting.
 - It was suggested to contact surrounding parishes to find a "simple" formatted financial report that would meet our needs in sharing our financial information with the parishioners.
5. Current Business
 - a. The Sacred Heart Christmas Party discussion was led by Mark Otradovec.
 - \$50-\$60 estimated cost for this party after using what we already had, Knights of Columbus, monetary & other donations, and volunteers.
For the future record Mark to check with Dee Pohl & Armida Lopez for other possible costs connected to our Parish Christmas Party.
 - For future reference and other recommendations:
 - The parishioners were assigned a food item based on the mass they attend.
 - Tickets for attendance were not used nor needed due to food assignments.
 - *Reference: Mark's handout summarizing the 2015 Christmas Party.The Parish Christmas Party was reported to have been a fantastic evening, a good crowd despite estimating that there were fewer people vs. other years, well represented by Anglos & Latinos, and delicious food with plenty to give away at the end.
 - b. *Greg Nutting, Mark Otradovec and Ruth Garrison met to reorganize the Groups/Committees/Councils (GCC) currently listed in our Parish Record, in our PP, and under Article VII of our PC Bylaws. For our main headings we used the seven Priorities from our PP and added another main heading, Maintenance. We then placed each (GCC) as subgroups under the main heading that related most to that particular subgroup until all were listed. The main headings & subgroups can be changed, added to, or moved around. The PC adopted the structure/skeletal framework of this form along with the comments and suggestions, as mentioned above. A chairperson/contact person still needs to be assigned to each main heading.
 - Fr. Hector stated that the Hispanic Committee is in the process of being recreated.

- c. *The PP 2015-2020 formatted by Bob Horton was reviewed at length. Tom Walmsley to present & discuss recommendations with Bob.
 - d. *The proposed plan, "Introducing the PP to Sacred Heart Parishioners" was compiled from earlier PC meetings when suggestions were given on how to present the PP to our parishioners. In looking at the proposed time frame of this plan, the goal is to have this plan end before Psalm Sunday & Easter, Jan. 13th thru March 13th.
The next step is to get our parishioners excited, want to become involved, and sign up for the different groups/committees/councils so the implementation of the PP can begin.
 - e. Tom Walmsley reported that Fr. Hector has not had a chance to work on the parish directory but has decided not to ask Marc Struble for his assistance. Any suggestions will be appreciated.
 - Joellyn Reuter suggested incorporating a copy of the PP in the back of the Parish Directory so that most parishioners will have and keep a copy of the PP.
 - f. So far the diocesan grant award to fund the Stewardship Conference (ICSC) that was attended in Oct. of last year, 2015, has not been received. However, Fr. Hector still feels comfortable in that we will be awarded this grant money to cover the expenses incurred.
 - g. Producing/distributing the FY14-15 Parish Financial Report to parishioners: (refer to 4.b.).
 - h. Fr. Hector is still waiting to hear from the Knights of Columbus regarding their possible gift to our parish.
 - i. *The Day of Reflection/Retreat to be held Sat., Jan. 23 has been promoted in our church bulletin. However, we are encouraged to continue to promote this retreat by word of mouth. Tom Walmsley shared a flier he had made promoting this retreat. He is waiting for Agustin Carrillo's, the presenter, response before posting.
 - j. *Upcoming significant events/parish master calendar:
 - Mardi gras/Fat Tuesday falls on our next scheduled PC meeting, Feb. 9th:
 - Each PC member is to bring a dish to share.
 - Soup & Stations:
 - PC has been assigned Friday, February 19th.
 - Will address PC charge person next meeting.
 - DDF:
 - Gene Aug is looking for volunteers to be Chair & Co-Chair for our parish.
 - Jan Peters has been Chair for the past several years and has offered to help and be involved again for this year.
 - Each PC member has been asked to submit Anglo & Latino names. (one of each speaking language -or- two & two)
 - Meeting is March 15 @ St. Agnes.
 - k. Tom Walmsley & Greg Nutting were not able to meet to discuss the Parish By-Law revisions to Article VII. Tabled for another time.
6. New Business:
- a. Four PC members were asked to serve on a nominating committee to find potential PC members for this year's election. (Marco Cardenas, Martha Rueda, Joellyn Reuter & Greg Nutting.)
 - Tom Walmsley to ask Fr. Hector about Dave Roling's intentions regarding PC.
 - b. Tom Walmsley to ask Mark Adams if he would be interested in heading up a group to plan/implement a March grounds improvement work day. Mark Otradavec to ask Jay Sebek.
7. Pastor's Report:
- Fr. Rosendo approved for Bro. Gustavo to be an assistant to Fr. Hector & our parish. He is a Claretian Brother from Chicago and will arrive at our parish the beginning of this February. Thus, the grant money from the Extension Society that was primarily used to pay for Julia Valdes' salary can and will be used to pay for Bro. Gustavo's salary. Thus, none of the grant money awarded to our parish will need to be returned to the diocese.
 - Ash Wednesday is February 10th with the following schedule:

0800 – English mass	1230 – service only	6pm – Spanish mass
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 - Focusing on the "Year of Mercy":
Fr. Hector is working on organizing "groups" such as the Arise groups to meet during this Lenten Season and our Church will provide all the materials needed. The plan is for these "groups" to also meet during this year's Advent Season.

- Our Confirmation/Youth class has formed an indoor co-ed soccer team, "Sacred Heart ". Games will be played at the Lake Country Soccer Complex indoor building. It has cost our parish approximately \$500 to sponsor this team.
To help support this team, it was suggested to use our church bulletin and bulletin board to post their team picture and soccer schedule where all can see. Fr. Hector to leave this meeting early to attend tonight's 8pm soccer game.
After this soccer season has ended, we hope to start a Youth Ministry beginning with these (~16-17) co-ed soccer players.

8. No future agenda items to add at this time.

9. Tom Walmsley ended the meeting with a closing prayer.

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

Next Council Meeting: Tuesday, February 9, 2016 at 6:45 pm

**Respectively submitted,
Ruth Garrison, Secretary**