

Sacred Heart Parish Council Meeting Minutes – 6:45 p.m. Tues, Mar 14, 2017 (to be amended and/or approved in April)

Present: Fr. Gaspar Masilamani, C.M.F., Greg Nutting, Lorenzo Martinez, Jennica Enriquez, Tom Walmsley, Domingo Orozco, Clay Smith, Sally Riegert, Ruth Garrison, Jim Francka. Staff: Armida Martínez. A quorum was present.

Absent: Joe Struble, Joellyn Reuter, Karem Aceves, Héctor Rodriguez, Sue Hornback, Armando Garcia, Staff: Miguel Pérez, Jim Farrar

1-2: Greg called the regular monthly meeting to order after which he led the members in an opening prayer. There having been no February Council meeting, the draft minutes from the January 10 meeting were reviewed and approved as written.

Committee Reports

3a. **Stewardship:** Sally, Ruth, & Tom reported that the stewardship group continues to look for ways to educate parishioners about stewardship spirituality. They referenced the weekly stewardship reflections published in the parish bulletin as one example and also said they were working on a plan for this Fall to invite parishioners to consider ways to grow in their understanding and practice of a stewardship way of life.

The Archdiocese of Seattle stewardship video was viewed. The stewardship group recommended that it be shown at all weekend Masses, either at the end of Mass or as part of the Pastor's homily on a gospel that provided an opportunity for a reflection about stewardship. After discussion, a consensus formed around the idea of having Fr. Gaspar incorporate the video as part of his homily at all the Masses on March 26.

3b. **FRC report:** In Sue H's absence Greg reported that Charlie's breakfast netted about \$170. The committee will keep other fund raising events in mind as it decides what to do next year.

3c. **PC group reporting.** A. The adult ed/formation committee questionnaire results were distributed. There were 96 Anglo and 123 Latino responses. Bible study is the number one interest among parishioners for adult ed. Jennica indicated the committee will meet next Monday Mar. 20 to continue formulating a plan of action. B. Greg: the Finance Council will meet in the next 2-3 weeks to begin working on the FY2017/18 parish budget. C. Tom: The maintenance group has identified several high priority maintenance projects that it will recommend to Fr. Gaspar for his consideration once scope of project and costs are determined. D. Fr. G: The Hispanic committee's meals on the final Sunday of the month are doing well and now start after 9:30 Mass to allow for more Anglo parishioner participation. Citizenship classes are now being offered. The V Encuentro group is meeting in preparation for the national Encuentro convocation. E. Fr. G: Liturgy: servers and other altar ministers are meeting for training. F. Fr. G: A "Let's Talk" series of meetings will begin Saturday Mar. 18. It is sponsored by MSU and others organizations and focuses on workshops for parents of teens planning on college as well as on other topics. Held from 2-4 pm 5 Saturdays in a row.

Current Business

4a. **PC Bylaw change:** Greg presented the second reading of the proposed changes to Article V of the parish council bylaws and called for a vote on the recommended changes (essentially removing the stipulation that the Vice Chairperson automatically assume the Council Chairmanship in the following year.) All 9 of the council members present voted in favor of amending the by-laws as proposed.

4b. **Election of ViceChair:** After the change in Article V, Greg asked if anyone was willing to serve the balance of the currently unfilled position of ViceChairperson. Sally Riegert indicated her interest and was elected

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4c. **Spring Clean-up:** Parish grounds spruce-up is set for Saturday, March 25, 8-12pm

4d. **Shared ride proposal:** Tom presented a summary of the potential issues that might arise as a result of parishioners using their private vehicles while performing volunteer service for the parish. He proposed, and the council concurred, that the following be placed in the parish bulletin on a monthly basis:

ATTENTION VOLUNTEER DRIVERS

We thank all who drive their personal vehicles to help other parishioners with occasional transportation needs or to run informal errands for the parish from time to time. While doing so, please observe all applicable motor vehicle ownership and operating regulations, and be aware that your personal auto liability insurance is primary in all such situations.

4e and 4f were tabled due to lack of time

New Business

5a. The parish calendar through April 11 was reviewed.

Pastor's report

6a. The new phone system is being installed by Marc Struble with new phones and service provided by OOMA telecommunications company for Pastor, Secretary, Bookkeeper and the PSR office. Using OOMA will save the parish almost \$600/year. Fax and internet service will still be with ATT.

6b. Fr. G continues discussions with the Cornerstone bible-study group and hopes to implement the program soon.

6c. Office room changes. The PSR office is now located in the front hallway South of the secretary's office. The bookkeeper is now located in the former PSR office across from the Pastor's office. The former music practice room is now a classroom since the former bookkeeper's office is now the music practice room. A door will be installed for the classroom next to the former music room. Keys for the 3 administration offices and the new choir room have been changed to provide an extra level of security.

6d. The Passion reenactment on Palm Sunday weekend will be presented at the 4pm Mass, Sat. ; and at the 9:30 and 12:30 Masses Sunday but, due to logistical difficulties, not at 6 pm on Sunday.

Good of the Order and Future topics

7. The next Council meeting will be Tuesday April 11 at 6:45 p.m., with the understanding that Fr. Gaspar will absent due to his attendance at the Chrism Mass at St. Agnes.

8. Greg closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Walmsley – Secretary