

**Parish Council Minutes Amended on Tuesday, December 8, 2015**

**Sacred Heart Parish Council  
Meeting Minutes  
6:45 pm Tuesday, November 10, 2015**

**Attendance**

Fr. Hector Navalo C.M.F., Tom Walmsley, Armando Garcia, Lorenzo Martinez, Greg Nutting, Mark Otradovec, Martha Rueda, Sally Riegert, Joellyn Reuter, Ruth Garrison

**Absent**

Joe Struble, Pamela Balcazar, Dave Roling, Jonnathan Paz, Marco Cardenas, Sue Hornback

1. \*Today's Parish Council Meeting was called to Order and Opened by the members sharing in a "Prayer of Gratitude," a slight variation of the prayer that was said before each session at the Stewardship Conference.
2. \*October 21, 2015 Minutes were approved as presented.
3. \*A summary on Pope Francis' *Evangelii Gaudium* in his book "The Joy of the Gospel," was shared. Martha Rueda & Mark Otradovec read the first two, (Part 1), of seven major points covered in Pope Francis' Message and each council member was then asked to reflect and share what struck them the most. The remaining five messages will be divided, (Part 2 & Part 3), and shared at the next two council meetings.
4. Committee Reports
  - a. \*The Parish Finance Committee, represented by Greg Nutting & Bob Horton, gave their year end report. Bob Horton led the discussion on our parish's "Profit & Loss" for this past fiscal year, July 2014 – June 2015. Despite our deficit during 2011-2014, our parish ended this past fiscal year with a net income of \$14,991.06.  
The current fiscal year July 2015 – June 2016 there are two concerns:
    - 1-The Claretian grant of \$20,000 that was not awarded to our parish.
    - 2-The Diocesan grant money that was awarded to our parish to help fund our Hispanic Committee which a portion may have to be returned to the diocese. It was suggested to contact Gene Og at the Catholic Center who could possibly explain how extension grant money is divided among the Diocese. Greg Nutting, Bob Horton, and Patti Otradovec plan to meet in the next couple weeks to address these concerns and discuss possible options.
  - b. Tom Walmsley, in Joe Struble's absence, gave an update on Facilities /Grounds: Ballasts & fluorescent bulbs for the hall have been purchased and Joe will continue to work on this project as the bulbs arrive. Outside lighting in front of the church is also being worked on. The cost savings on this project will help balance out the cost of Joe's next project of insulating the hall's north wall. North wall insulation is in an attempt to lower heating expenses. Security cameras are low on Joe's priority list due to other projects mentioned.
  - c. Those present who attended the International Catholic Stewardship Conference (ICSC) in Chicago, Armando, Ruth, Sally, Fr. Hector & Tom each shared their thoughts and highlighted what stood out to them. Antonio Almanza also attended the conference. (The sharing of the conference inspired Joellyn to share her personal story.)  
A special Thank You was given to Fr. Hector and the Claretians who collaborated in making this trip basicly free of expense: housing & parking, and travel. The cost of attending this conference was \$500/person which will be covered by the Lay Leadership Grant which we are expecting this month. Thus, attending this conference cost our parish nothing.  
Tom shared the definition of a Christian Steward from a letter the U.S. Bishops wrote in 1992 on Stewardship. Mark your calendars: The next ICSC Stewardship Conference is October 2-5, 2016 in New Orleans.
5. Current Business
  - 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.

1. The following is a list, as a result of brainstorming, on how & when to present the PP to our parishioners:

- Mass – time limitation is a concern.
- General Assembly – possibly several sessions.
- Internet / Web page – effort to meet the needs of both audio & visual learners.
- Email – not everyone has email.
- Printed – handout.
- Separate meetings / assemblies: English & Spanish.
- Question & Answer sessions – after the initial presentation of the PP.

Printed handouts & meetings were two suggested ways to best share the PP with the Hispanic parishioners.

It was shared that Bob Horton volunteered to make our PP “look good” before presenting to our parishioners.

2. Results of brainstorming on which Priorities to focus on first:

- Present the PP to our parish first as our parishioners may have input.
- Financial Stability (FS) – concern with introducing FS before promoting “Stewardship”.
- Adult Education – belief that stewardship will follow.

It was stated that Priorities are interconnected and as we work on one we will see changes on others and choosing which Priorities to work on first is not going to be an easy task.

3. Before we can decide on how to get new people involved in working on the PP, we need to update our parish directory / registration / records. However, personal invitation was mentioned as an option.

b. - 1. \*A lengthy discussion regarding the changes to the PC By-Laws was done; however, further discussion is needed and it was decided to table the presenting of the proposed PC By-Law changes written as of (10-21-15).

6. New Business

- a. \*Upcoming events of the Parish Master Calendar dating 12/4/15 through 1/31/16 was discussed & reviewed.
- b. Parish Christmas dinner is scheduled on Sat., 12/19/15. Since this event is the responsibility of the Parish Council, Mark Otradovec offered to find volunteers and to chair this committee, Lorenzo to assist in cooking, and Armando to assist in the clean-up.
- c. It was voted that we will have the next PC meeting at 7pm on Tues., Dec. 8, after mass. However, the plan will be to keep it limited & focused on the PP and committees.

7. Pastor’s comments:

- a. Fr. Hector plans on asking Mark Struble regarding an updated parish directory. It was also suggested that this project could possibly be coordinated through our Senior’s Committee.
- b. End of year Mass schedules were discussed by referencing the parish Master Calendar. Emphasis was given to Lady of Guadalupe festivities and Las Posadas.
- c. Other comments:
  - Hispanic families registered in our parish needs to be updated, currently incorrect.
  - Fr. Rosendo, is working on assigning a Claretian to be an associate pastor to our parish in 2016. However, this is not official at this time.
  - Fr. is trying to coordinate a one day workshop open to our parish on “The Gospel of Luke” presented by Agustin Carrillo on Sat., January 23, 2016...more to come.

8. The plan is to keep the agenda for our next PC meeting limited & focused on the PP and committees.

9. Fr. Hector closed the meeting with a prayer.

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

**Next Council Meeting: Tuesday, December 8, 2015 at 7:00 pm**

**Respectively submitted,  
Ruth Garrison, Secretary**