

Meeting Minutes
6:45 pm Wednesday, October 21, 2015

Attendance

Fr. Hector Navalo C.M.F., Tom Walmsley, Pamela Balcazar, Dave Roling,
Mark Otradovec, Jonnathan Paz, Marco Cardenas, Martha Rueda, Sally Riegert, Joellyn Reuter,
Sue Hornback, Ruth Garrison

Absent

Joe Struble, Armando Garcia, Lorenzo Martinez, Greg Nutting

1. Fr. Hector opened the meeting with a prayer.
2. *After a contact list of Parish Council (PC) Members 2015-2016 was distributed, a Vice-Chairperson and a Secretary was voted upon. The election results were Greg Nutting & Ruth Garrison, respectively.
3. August 18, 2015 Minutes were approved as presented.
4. *Discussed the "Guidelines for Parish Councils - Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau" especially in Article II, Section II, page 3, which reviews PC members in their consultative role with the Pastor; and, Article II, Section V, pages 5&6, which emphasizes that the desired process for decision-making is consensus through dialogue.
Tom encouraged PC members to get on our parish website to review and compare actual Sacred Heart Parish Council By-Laws with the Diocese Guidelines for Parish Councils.
5. New Business:
 - a. After a brief discussion the PC agreed to continue meeting on the second Tuesday of each month.
 - b. *Fr. Hector introduced the "Pastoral Plan 2015 – 2020" to the council for the first time. Under the Priority, "Outreach", the wording of Objective #1 with its two Action Steps were discussed at length. Joellyn and Jonnathan volunteered to rewrite Objective #1 and its two Action Steps in time to present at the next PC meeting scheduled in November when the council will plan to finalize and adopt the Pastoral Plan.
Results from the Priorities Discussion at the Oct.17th Pastoral Plan Review Meeting were distributed. After a brief introduction, PC members were asked to come prepared to further discuss these Action Steps at the November PC meeting.
 - c. *The proposed changes to Article VII, Section 1 & 2 in the Sacred Heart Parish Council By-Laws were read for the first time. PC members were asked to compare proposed changes to the existing Parish Council By-Laws by referencing the September 8th letter and to prepare for further discussion at the November PC meeting.
A copy of the existing Sacred Heart Parish Council By-Laws can be found on the parish website. www.sacredheartch.org
 - d. *Members to review and think about which standing committees shall be retained, modified or established for the coming year. The most recent list of Committees/Ministries was distributed for review.
 - e. Pictures were taken of individual PC members to move toward completing this project.
6. Old Business:
 - a. A Parish Council information bulletin board has been placed on the right side of the wall located between the two glass doors before entering the gather area. As part of our communication efforts, the council plans to post each council members' picture on this board. Other postings will follow as determined by the council. One suggestion was to have a summary of the Parish Council Meeting minutes posted so ALL could read.
 - b. Parish Council Night of Reflection, (9-8), was led by Bishop John J. Leibrecht with the topic focusing on the Gospel of Luke. Few council members offered their thoughts suggesting that next year we choose a speaker(s) that would not only be inspiring but who would meet the needs of our entire parish.
 - c. *First attempt of a monthly Master Calendar including date, day, event, place, time, and contact person was offered up for suggestions. A copy will be given to council members monthly.

7. Committee Reports:
- a. Facilities/Grounds: Since Joe Struble was unable to be present for this meeting, further discussion/updates on security cameras, north wall insulation; and, hall lighting will be tabled for the November council meeting.
 - b. Fr. Hector presented an update on the Hispanic Committee.
 - In August, Julia Valdes turned in her resignation as the Director of Hispanic Ministries.
 - Jackie Paz is in charge of the Masquerade Dance which is scheduled for this Saturday, October 24th.
 - Jesus Orozco, Jr.'s funeral arrangements to be announced as things are finalized.
 - The Charismatic Catholic group will be allowed to use our community room for their meetings; however, they will not be allowed to be a part of our Pastoral Planning per Bishop Johnston.
 - c & d. In Greg's absence, Tom presented an update on the Fund-Raising Committee & Finance year-end report:
 - The BBQ event held on (9-20) made a profit of \$510.
 - The Parish fiscal year, July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015 ended the fiscal year in the surplus, \$15,570.
 - d. Sue Hornback gave a quick mention of the upcoming Heart to Heart's Cookie Walk in conjunction with the Victorian Home Tour scheduled for December 4th & 5th . There will be more announced on this event at a later date.
8. Good of the Order:
- a. PC members were asked to read and review each handout (an * denotes the 6 handouts) distributed during this meeting and the additional handout from the Parish website and come prepared to participate in further discussion at our next scheduled council meeting in November.
9. Fr. Hector closed the meeting with a prayer.

Next Council Meeting: Tuesday, November 10, 2015 at 6:45 pm

**Respectively submitted,
Ruth Garrison, Secretary**