

Sacred Heart Parish Council Meeting Minutes
7:00 pm Tuesday, September 13, 2016

Present: Fr. Gaspar Masilamani, C.M.F., Greg Nutting, Domingo Orozco, Clay Smith, Armida Martinez Almazán, Jennica Enriquez, Tom Walmsley, Joellyn Reuter, Lorenzo Martinez, Armando Garcia, Karem Aceves, Hector Rodriguez, Sue Hornback

Absent: Joe Struble, Ruth Garrison, Sally Riegert, Jim Francka

Greg called the meeting to order after which Fr. Gaspar led the members in an opening prayer.

1-4: Minutes from the Aug. 2 meeting were approved without change. Council members welcomed Jennica Enriquez. She and Jim Francka, not present because of illness, had accepted one year appointments by Fr. Gaspar.

Committee Reports

5a. Fr. Gaspar summarized the preliminary results of the recently-completed Festival of Nations, thanking Karem, Hector, and Armando for their leadership of the event. Approximately \$3600 was raised from ticket sales and an additional \$4400 from other sources.

5b. In Jim Farrar's absence, Fr. Gaspar reported that preparations continue for the beginning of PSR including certification of catechists. Continued increase in enrollment is expected.

5c. Tom reported that a \$5503 contract was signed with Reliable Roofing to remove and reroof the 3 skylight areas on the church addition, repair roofing on the steeple, replace leaking and inadequate flashing and seal the curbing areas around the ventilation duct over the kitchen. The issue of ice dams that cause leaks in the front hall still needs to be addressed. A parish workday is scheduled for Oct 1 to address a number of exterior repairs before winter. Establishing a preventive maintenance process is still a goal.

5d. Greg presented a summary of the parish budget for the recently completed 2015/16 fiscal year showing a budget surplus going into fy16/17 of 64,986.58. Should members have questions after they study it more closely, they can be addressed by the finance council members.

5e. Tom reported that those who attended the international stewardship council last October continue to meet with the purpose of designing a process of presenting the spirituality of stewardship to the parish. The group plans to ask Fr. Gaspar for a small space in each parish bulletin in which to place thoughts about stewardship and perhaps find a way to have Fr. Gaspar attend the International Catholic Stewardship Council annual conference.

Current Business

Greg presented an additional agenda item - the need to elect a parish council vice chairperson and secretary. Those eligible for the positions (the 10 elected PC members) were asked to seriously consider being open to serve in one of the positions. Elections will occur next month.

6a. To continue the process of linking parish council members as contacts with parish organizations and groups Greg asked for volunteers to form a subcommittee to take the next steps to establish those links. Armando, Joellyn, Domingo and Tom volunteered.

6b. Tom presented the subcommittee's recommendations for the next steps to implement the pastoral plan. 1. Fr. Gaspar to visit with Cheryl Fletcher regarding her interest in addressing Financial Stability goals. 2. Encourage the stewardship committee in its efforts to introduce stewardship spirituality to parishioners. 3. Meet with Sue Frey (previously asked by Fr. Hector) to lead efforts among those interested to implement the adult education/formation goals of the pastoral plan, hopefully by Oct. 4. Identify a potential youth ministry leader so as to establish a process similar to #3 above to begin implementing the youth ministry pastoral plan goals, perhaps also seeking help from the diocesan office of religious education. 5. Fr. Gaspar to convene a planning process to implement the pastoral plan priorities in worship.

6c. In Mark Otradovec's absence, Fr. Gaspar reported preparations were on track for the opening reception on Sept. 17 though he was concerned about the number who might attend.

New Business

7a. It was announced that Jennica Enriquez and Jim Francka had responded positively to Fr. Gaspar's invitation to serve on the PC though August 2017.

7b. The parish calendar for Sept/Oct. was reviewed. It was noted there was a date conflict between the Fund Raising Committee's bbq dinner and the pancake breakfast, both scheduled for Oct 16.

Pastor's report

8a. Rekeying of parish locks is on hold but installing a door on the classroom next to the music room is still being considered.

8b. For security/safety, parents are being asked not to leave children unattended.

8c. After preliminary discussions, Fr. Gaspar indicated he would pursue further consideration of the following ideas raised by PC members:

1. Lorenzo asked if a statue of the Sacred Heart could be placed in the church.
2. Tom suggested that PC members be introduced at the end of Mass they were attending.
3. Karem asked if another counter could be installed on the north wall of the parish hall.

Next Council Meeting: Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2016 at 6:45 pm

**Respectfully submitted,
Tom Walmsley (for Ruth Garrison, Secretary)**