

Minutes: Sacred Heart Pastoral Council January 7, 2018

Members present: Mike Bradley, Fr. Steve Dublinski, Bill Engels, Jim Evermann, Lorraine Farrand, Aurora Horstkamp, Kevin Owens (president), and Charlotte Snekvik. Also present: Al Farrand (vocations ministry rep.), and Mary Sutherland, parish secretary.

The meeting opened with the Lord's Prayer.

Updates to pastoral council Constitution & Bylaws: Kevin is still working on it. There would be five standing commissions: Faith Formation, Finance & Administration, Liturgy & Worship, and Social Justice. Each Commission would have committees under it. Many of these already exist. Committees for maintenance, fundraising, etc., need to be formed. Kevin will email the updated documents to the council.

Second Chairperson: This is the term in the revised constitution for what used to be called the president-elect. (The president would be called the chairperson). Members discussed who is willing to fill this office. It should be someone in his or her first or second year on the council. They will pray about it.

Committee for Ecumenical/Interfaith Relationships: Fr. Steve would like Sacred Heart to have this committee. Ecumenical means 'between Christians' and interfaith is 'between religions'. The Martin Luther King service is an interfaith service. We need to decide whether to put it under Liturgy & Worship or Social Justice. Pope Francis is emphasizing ecumenical relationships. Fr. Steve has met with a number of ministers in the area. Members mentioned using music to promote understanding and also the excellent presentation by the retired Lutheran and Catholic bishops last fall on the anniversary of the Reformation.

Things to focus on: Fr. Steve would like the council to focus on

- 1) Liturgy & worship, and the committees under Finance & Administration.
- 2) What are we doing with the church campus? Fixing or building? What does the parish look like in five to twenty years? Considerations include: the potential for donations, whether Pullman will grow, the declining trend in church attendance nationally – except for immigrants (Pullman has immigrants, but do they stay?), what will happen in this neighborhood – could we help it by staying here? We need a team to build on the work of the Exploratory Committee by looking into these questions and others.

Vocations ministry: It is time for them to be official after a year. It will be added to the front cover of the bulletin and to the parish website.

Next meeting: Sunday, February 11, 9:45 am.

Submitted by **Mary Sutherland**.