

Minutes: Sacred Heart Pastoral Council
April 23, 2017

Members present: Mike Bradley, Fr. Jeff Core, Jim Evermann, David Gunderson, Aurora Horstkamp, Keri Jones, Kevin Owens and Sandra Vickoren. Also present were **David Whelchel**, Know, Love & Serve rep, and **Mary Sutherland**, parish secretary.

Fr. Jeff opened the meeting with a prayer.

Reports from Parish Groups:

Knights of Columbus: The Vocations Dinner was very nice, and well-attended. They are planning a parish landscaping party in late May or early June with a lunch barbecue. The Knights will also barbecue for Pentecost in the Park. Usually the parish pays for the meat.

Religious Education: April 30 is the last class for this school year. First Eucharist and Confirmation is at 7 pm Friday, May 12, with **Bishop Skylstad**.

Catholic Daughters: The Easter Egg Hunt was well-attended. There were lots of big kids to help with the hunt and Easter Story. The CDA planning meeting is in May.

Social Justice Ministry: Sojourner's Alliance still needs a loveseat. Move Out Pitch In is April 29 – May 8. The social justice ministry will do the recycling at Pentecost as usual. The Lenten Reflections went well. Thirty-eight people attended at least once. Our parish is helping with Family Promise April 28/29. There was a training last week.

Church & annex audio visual update: Kevin Owens and Kevin Johnston are working on the plans. We need a camera with higher resolution than a security camera. A large TV on top of the cabinets in the annex will be visible to the whole room. A transmitter will beam a signal to a projector in the social hall for big events.

Parish board nominations: The nomination ballots for pastoral council and the faith formation board were sent by email and put in the pews April 22/23. They will be in the pews (with pencils this time) and emailed again. The ballot is also on our website. The council will need four new members since **Bill Engels** will probably not be back. Nominees will be considered at the May meeting.

Bishop Skylstad's 40th anniversary: May 12, when **Bishop Skylstad** is here for Confirmation and First Eucharist, is the 40th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. **Fr. Jeff** would like to have a second collection for the bishop's favorite charity, Catholic Charities of Spokane. The collection will be the weekend of May 6/7. It will be announced in the next bulletin. A certificate showing the amount collected in his honor will be given to the bishop.

Pentecost in the Park, June 4: Reaney Park has been reserved. **Carrie Allan and Eric Patera** are the co-chairs. The first planning meeting has not been scheduled yet. There will be a Pentecost Mass at 3:30 pm Saturday, June 3, at Bishop Place.

New church planning: Kevin reported that he and **Fr. Jeff** will meet with **Sr. Mary Tracy**, diocesan Director of Stewardship and Development, on May 10. This is an initial consultation to begin planning fundraising (including new staff offices) and a timeline.

Parking Lot: Since we no longer have a caretaker living in the downstairs apartment, the lot has not been monitored consistently. This Sunday morning, April 23, there were eight cars parked in various directions in the middle of the lot, causing great congestion. **Fr. Jeff** would like to have a rotating group of volunteers to check for cars on Saturday afternoon at 2 pm and Sunday morning at 6 am. If there are non-parish cars the volunteer calls the tow truck, fills out the paperwork for the driver and can then leave. If this is done every week people will stop parking there. The Knights will be asked to monitor the lot the next couple weekends.

Transition to new pastor: Fr. Jeff announced at the weekend Masses that he is being transferred to St. Mary Parish in Spokane Valley on July 1, 2017. **Fr. Steve Dublinski**, now at St. Augustine Parish in Spokane, will be our new pastor. When **Fr. Jeff** was preparing to come to our parish he was invited to a pastoral council meeting with **Fr. Bach**. That was very helpful and he would like to do the same thing with **Fr. Steve**. The members identified several weekday evenings in May to try to meet with him. **Keri** agreed to stay on the council as president for the fall semester to help with the transition. A president elect will be named soon to work with her.

Vocations committee: Al & Lorraine Farrand are the chairs for our new parish vocations support committee. One of them should come to the council meetings occasionally.

Next meeting: Sunday, May 21, at 9:45 am in Fr. Jeff's office.

Fr. Jeff closed the meeting with a prayer.

Submitted by Mary Sutherland