

**Minutes: Sacred Heart Pastoral Council  
January 13, 2019**

**Members present:** Mike Bradley, Fr. Steve Dublinski, Lorraine Farrand, Aurora Horstkamp, Jim Lincoln, Kevin Owens (Chair), Eric Patera, Mary Schweitzer, Charlotte Snekvik, and Charlotte Worthy. Also present: **Tammy Barry**, representing the Faith Formation Board, and **Mary Sutherland**, Parish Secretary. The meeting opened with the Our Father.

**Old Business:**

**Faith Formation Commission Presentation:**

**Tammy Barry** presented the report to the council. It was divided into sections with overviews of Children's Ministries, Youth Ministries, Adult Ministries, and Other Faith Formation Activities. (Document is attached with the email bulletin and is included on the website with these minutes).

**Children's Ministries:** Highlights from 2018: Children's Masses, revised Christmas Eve Family Mass. Upcoming events: Confirmation & First Eucharist is May 18. Vacation Bible School is June 24 – 28. Challenges: We are short on catechists. The parents fill in for several classes so that two adults are present. We do get some catechists from St. Thomas More Catholic Student Center at WSU. Diocesan support for Faith Formation staff and teachers is lacking. When the diocese declared bankruptcy and had to drastically cut staff the priests voted to close the faith formation support office. The Bishop is aware of the situation. One possibility is for the Palouse region to hold its own trainings for staff and teachers. There are four priests in the region who are good catechists. **Theresa Paul & Sue McNamara** are able to act as resources for some parishes that rely on volunteers. They and the faith formation board are very grateful that we have paid staff.

**Youth Ministries:** Highlights from 2018: Attendance has increased since youth nights moved back to Sundays. Helping with children's events was very positive. Mission trip to Yakima in July. CYC (Catholic Youth Conference) in Spokane in March. North Idaho middle school rally in October.

Upcoming events: Lock-in January 18/19. CYC March 1-3. Mission trip to Great Falls, Montana June 23-28. Challenges: Trying to increase the number of middle-schoolers. Fundraising for the Montana mission trip since there is no spring auction. Cost per person is about \$500. The board would like to completely cover the costs for the two adult chaperones.

**Adult Ministries:** Highlights from 2018: There are eleven people in RCIA. Good attendance for SHARE, Bible study (*Unlocking the Mysteries of the Bible*), Disciples in Dialogue on the Our Father, and the women's retreat. Upcoming Events: Disciples in Dialogue – The Holy Spirit: 201, January 24, 31 & February 7. Challenges: Finding a time and format for Bibles studies. After some discussion, the conclusion was reached that the format that worked best previously was to meet every other week for 90 minutes, in the evening. A number of people wanted to continue with the next series after *Unlocking the Mysteries of the Bible*. The staff will discuss this. A leader will be needed.

**Other Faith Formation Activities:** Highlights from 2018: Helping with PREPARES and supporting the Social Justice Ministry during the Oscar Romero canonization celebration. Challenges: How to welcome new families. The new Finance and Administration commission will have a committee to address that. We need some kind of welcoming event. There are people on the Faith Formation board who are eager to help with that. A 'Dinners for Eight' format could be a good way to welcome people. The CDA committee decided not to organize a parish-wide Dinners for Eight this year because it was becoming difficult to get enough couples to sign up. They are taking a break.

A member mentioned the idea of having Sacred Heart signs at the entrances to Pullman, and direction signs in town. The Knights are working on that. That would be welcoming.

**Christmas Eve Family Mass:** Fr. Steve heard very positive comments about that Mass. People liked the revised play and the children's choir, and they were actually able to pray during the Mass because the children were so engaged. Kudos to all who organized it.

**Updated Sound System:** The new system is working very well. It isn't finished yet. It took four people (Fr. Steve, Keith Curran, Kevin Johnston & Eric Patera) twelve hours the Friday before Christmas to set it up. The annex now has a TV with a video feed.

**Building Committee update:** The building committee didn't meet over the Christmas holidays. There has been no response from the owner of the house next door to the parish house on the second offer that was made as Sacred Heart. Other lots around town have been looked at.

**New Business:**

**MLK Interfaith service:** Next Sunday, January 20, at 4 pm at Sacred Heart.

**Coffee & doughnuts:** Pastoral Council is hosting on January 20. Jim Lincoln, Char & Don Snekvik, and Charlotte Worthy will set up before 8:30 Mass. Jim, the Snekviks, and Mary Sutherland will serve doughnuts after Mass. Mary Schweitzer, Lorraine Farrand, Aurora Horstkamp, and Mike & Linda Bradly will help after 11 a.m. Mass. And one or two of them will come in just before 11 a.m. Mass to wipe off tables and run the dishwasher. They will clean up and help get the kitchen ready for the meal after the MLK service.

**Next meeting:** Sunday, February 10, 9:45 am. Submitted by Mary Sutherland.