

**Sacred Heart Catholic Church**  
**Parish Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, July 24, 2018**

**Attendees**

Fr. Weldon  
Marilyn Lies  
Chris Roth  
Sue Ungles  
Al Jirak  
Angie Konda  
Steve Wappelhorst  
Julie Bardon – ex officio

**Absent**

Mike Seltenreich  
Tim Stolz  
Christi Weber

Marian Room – meeting opened by Fr. Weldon at 4:36 pm; Fr. Weldon led opening prayer

Marilyn: Minutes reviewed by all; any corrections? None. Stand approved. Will be posted as approved.

**Old Business**

**A. Church Remodeling**

1. Discussion on where parish is with desire for renovations
  - a. Everyone on board
    - i) Al asked about need for renovations, where the idea came from. Marilyn advised it was Fr. Drew
  - b. Windows in process; Flooring - carpet needs replaced with hard surface (needs to be considered); Pews can be done for about \$100K; Paint-bring it back to original. Flooring & painting will be the most expensive. Fundraising will have to be done.
    - i) Steve advised floor under side altars will need repair. We also discussed the need for repairs to the main altar.
  - c. Others comments – can get good quality items for low cost due to churches being closed other places.
2. Sentiment of the parish is that we move on remodeling. Later do a capital campaign. Fr. advised will visit this again at next meeting.

**B. Parish Council Format**

1. Time?
  - a. Options were discussed. It was decided to do bimonthly for now; later move to quarterly. (officially suggested by Al, concurred by Angie)
2. Implementation of Suggestions from Fr. Birket
  - a. Will begin inviting sub-groups/organizations to send an update &/or representative.
  - b. Newsletter – people can read online minutes.
  - c. Council Membership – it was decided 11 is a good number

## New Business

### **A. Youth**

1. Reimbursement:
  - a. Al asked a lot of questions. It was determined parish will not pay quite as much as they had in the past, but will not make involvement a hardship.
2. New Leader:
  - a. New / additional leaders are needed. Options were discussed (including making it a paid position-suggested by Al). It was determined that Father, Chris and Anthony will discuss what would be needed from new/co-leader. This information will be shared with those who may consider helping.

### **B. Liturgy**

1. Devotion
  - a. Rosary before Mass: Suggestion was shared with the committee that would allow some of the major ministries to lead the rosary at week-end masses. It's a way for others to be involved & show leadership; all agreed with the idea.
2. Liturgy Leaders
  - a. Fr wants a captain of each group. Julie doesn't have to be the leader. Everyone liked that idea

### **C. New Member Ideas**

1. Young: 18-25 Bria Gutschenritter's name was suggested as she is going to WSU and living at home.

### **D. Stewardship Renewal**

1. November is rough. All Saints day, Christmas gifts, planned gifts. Thanksgiving time frame. Everyone is gone.
2. Pre-enrollment in February would be nice to team up with stewardship
3. January / February are much slower.
4. Al not tied to November; no one was. Consensus was to move the renewal to January or February.

### **E. Adult Education**

1. Options Discussed:
  - a. Al Suggested a committee to determine options to cover the various levels people are at (basic & more advanced). Angie liked the survey idea.
    - i) Options Discussed: Called & Gifted, RCIA, Marriage Enrichment, etc.
  - b. Was determined to table & discuss more later.

### **F. Parish Mission**

1. Last year: In Advent; was good, but speaker was a little rough.
2. Next Year: Dynamic but based in theology. Some good options for speakers but many are just too big. Need to consider various options. Advent would be great again.
3. Suggestion made to find out if neighboring parishes are bringing anyone in.

**G. Sharing**

1. Father advised Holy Savior now. How do we feel? Sounds like not many use it. 2017-18 came up to \$7,500. Most thought they were a sister parish. Didn't know where it began.
2. Al mentioned from our general tithing we assist poor parishes through the New Priests Fund - \$5,200 from here; could we do the same thing as our "Sharing"?
3. Discussed Ash Wednesday take that collection and give it to a local charity.
4. Subject tabled for now.

**H. Other concerns:**

1. Bell ringing options discussed.

Next Meeting: 9/13 @ 4:30 - 2nd Thursday - Bi-monthly

6:41 Fr. closed with prayer