

PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES

January 20, 2010 @ 6:00pm
Sacred Heart Parish Office

Attendance (those present in bold):

Fr. Ken Ramon-Landry	Pastor
Dave Becket	Member
Jean Beckett	Ex-Officio: Director of Religious Education
Larry Bellipanni	Member
Greg Brust	Member
Kay Bucciantini	Member: President
David Burckel	Member: Secretary
Sean Fink	Member
Vicki Flanagan	Member
Sally Hughes	Vice President
Joshua Hyde	Member
Sandy Kinnan	Ex-Officio:
Claudette Landrum	Ex-Officio: Church Secretary
Lynn Landrum	Ex-Officio:
Bruce Launey	Member
Javier Marroquin	Member
Lorena Marroquin	Member
Brian McCrory	Ex-Officio: School Principal
Ryan Meyers	Ex-Officio: Youth Ministry
Cherice Nobles	Member
Rafael Sanchez	Ex-Officio:
Beth Taylor	Member
Dave Ware	Member

Guests:

Conner Flanagan	Student – Youth Faith Formation
Mathew Newman	Student – Youth Faith Formation
Amber Glover	Student – Youth Faith Formation

Jean Beckett introduced Conner Flanagan, Mathew Newman and Amber Glover as part of an ongoing endeavor by Youth Faith Formation to interact with Sacred Heart Parish.

- I. Opening Prayer:
 - The prayer for the gathering of the Pastoral Council was led by Larry Bellipani.
- II. Approval of Agenda:

- There were no changes or corrections. Dave Beckett motioned for approval of the agenda and Larry Bellipani seconded. All voted in favor of approval.

III. Pastor's Comments:

- Fr. Ken commented on meetings occurring to deal with Sacred Heart School's struggle w/ lack of space. He stated he had written Bishop Morin regarding Inter-parochial status for Sacred Heart School. He stated that St. Patrick's has the support of 18 parishes, and that SHS is the only school in the Northern Deanery.
- Fr. Ken addressed the status of the property on Highway 589. He stated that he had spoken to the donor's wife informing her of plans to sell the property since it has been determined that the property isn't suited for school construction. In the event the property sells, the proceeds will go to St. Fabian.
- Fr. Ken has no plans for a Pastoral retreat at this time, but would like to plan one.

IV. Approval of Previous Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes:

- Kay Bucciantini motioned to approve the November Pastoral Council minutes as written and Sean Fink seconded. All voted in favor.

V. Approval of Ministry Committee Minutes:

- Larry Bellipani moved for approval of the Committee Minutes as written and Josh Hyde seconded. Approval was unanimous.

VI. Old Business:

- Sally Hughes reported on facilities, and there was discussion on whether to replace the church pew cushions or removing them permanently, leaving the seats bare.
- Larry Bellipani reported that effort is being made to prepare for the Seafood Jamboree, re-establishing it as a fall event/fundraiser for SHS. The committee is considering the possibility of setting the date for Labor Day Weekend, which is historically when the event took place. Committee formation should be underway soon.
- No school report was given due to Brian McCrory's attendance at another meeting.

VII. New Business:

- Jean Beckett announced the dates of the Parish Mission being held Sunday, February 28th thru Wednesday, March 4th with a Reconciliation service on Tuesday, March 3rd and a Celebration of the Eucharist on Wednesday, March 4th. Fr. Geoff Rose will direct the Mission ("Forgiveness").
- Youth Ministry security on Sunday evenings and Wednesday evenings: after observing a Youth Ministry gathering, Sally Hughes and Kay Bucciantini recommended that parents be available to chaperone the gatherings which sometimes include sixty or more students. They commended the behavior of the youths, pointing out the large number of students requires more adult supervision. Suggestions were made to control the door more closely, keep car keys upon entrance, and keep a check-in/check-out log that is available online to parents. A base of parent/adult volunteers needs to be developed to provide a safer, more secure environment for Sacred Heart's Youth Ministry.
- Fr. Ken volunteered the assistance of a USM professional to assist Ryan Meyers in making an effort to identify ways to accommodate the growth and activity of the Youth Ministry. Suggestions to hire security would be considered at a later time if necessary. In closing remarks, Bruce Launey stated that Sacred Heart's ISPD (long

range planning) several years ago determined Youth Ministry as a top priority, and that the increase in students participating was "a good problem to have".

- During open discussion, Rafael Sanchez, asked that Eucharistic ministers sanitize their hands prior to administering the Eucharist during, not after, the sign of peace. He reminded the council that all parishioners should practice good hygiene to prevent the spread of germs.
- Fr. Ken reminded the council to abstain from the Precious Blood if a person is experiencing a fever or other conditions or symptoms.

VIII. Open Discussion:

- No discussion

IX. Next Meeting:

- February 24, 2010 @ 6pm.

X. Closing Prayer:

- The closing prayer was led by Kay Bucciantini.

XI. Adjournment:

- Kay Bucciantini adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

David M. Burckel, Secretary

Approved:

Fr. Ken Ramon-Landry, Pastor

Kay Bucciantini, President