



**Sacred Heart Church, Pinellas Park
Pastoral Council Meeting
Wednesday April 18th 2007 7:00PM**

Members Present

Pastor: Fr. John Gerth, Deron Morris, Michael Scavelli, Arlene Judd, Will Huertas, Sue Huertas, Michael Trumbull, Doyle Callahan, Paul Gardiner, Matti Mores, Chris Raleigh, Gerry Malek and Terry Budniak

Members Not Present:

Bill McCormick, Helen Kerker, Peggy Brockman, Roni Fiscaro
Deacon Roger Cartier

Topics Discussed:

- New look in the Front of the Church. A fountain, change in the sidewalk and new garden. Funds donated by Knights of Columbus. Since then, some parishioners have come forward and donated as well.
- Parish Center Building – New ramps at entrances, broken windows replaced, new sign and landscaping outside.
- Parish office recently purged old files and announced that we have grown by 215 families in less than two years. A sign that the parish is growing.
- Ministry Groups – many members are maturing in age and we may need to rethink the groups. May need to add, delete or change current groups. We need to see where the needs are and form ministry groups accordingly. We would like to do a ministry fair in the fall of 2007 when all members are here (seasonal families return).
- Maintenance to Mission – Diocesan wide endeavor. Parish Council to lead this in our Parish – first part on our way to the Year of the Eucharist in 2010. Next important meeting on Saturday April 28th at Bishop McLaughlin High School. Deron and possibly another member to attend and report back to the council.
- Would like to do a “Christ Renews his Parish” type program in our parish. There will be Cursillo type retreats within our parish (one for the women, one for the men) Need to look to other parishes that have had these programs for help and guidance in this area to help get us started.
- Coffee and Donuts – Young at Heart doing the month of April, RCIA new convert, Roy to do Month of May with help from others. There will be no donuts in June and July and will resume in August when school resumes. We will discuss plans for the future of this ministry at future meetings.

- Faith Formation that now meets on Tuesday evenings from 6:15 – 7:30 will be moved to Sunday Mornings, possibly after the 9:30am Mass for the 2007-2008 school year.
- Action Items: 1. Plaques with mission statement (1-Narthex, 2-Office, 3-Parish Center) 2. Pictures of all Council Members (will be where current RCIA member pictures presently hang.) 3. Welcome cards for Pews in English, Spanish, Vietnamese and French, bookmark style with Mass schedule on the reverse side.
- 50th Anniversary Items: 1 Evening Picnic – June 2nd after the 4pm Mass, a school function with Sacred Heart and Transfiguration School parents. 2. Parish Evening Picnic on Saturday June 16th “The Feast of the Sacred Heart” to be put on by the council. There will be a sign up table in the Narthex of the Church for a couple of weeks before and those who sign up will agree to bring an item (salad, side dish, chips, desert. Etc.) Church to provide hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks. (council to have a planning meeting in early May for this event)
- Upcoming Dates: May 5th and 6th First Communion weekend – there will be some at all the Masses that weekend. May 13th Mother’s Day – youth group will not be handing out anything, there will be recognition and presentation to the Mothers at all Masses during the Homily (Father’s Day will be the same way). Sunday May 27th, 5:30pm Mass Confirmation, a dinner will follow in the Parish Center. September 22nd, Bishop will celebrate Mass to close the 50th Anniversary - Fr. John will be officially inducted as Pastor at that time (this was suggested by Tony Mazella.). October 10-14 2007 Fall Festival. Early November 2007 Council Members to introduce themselves and talk about the Council at all weekend Masses.
- Council will be meeting Bi-Monthly, for a total of 6 meetings per year; our next regular meeting will be on Wednesday June 6th at 7:00pm.

The next meeting is set for Wednesday June 6th at 7pm. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Mrs. Sue Huertas, Recorder