



Sacred Heart Church, Pinellas Park
Pastoral Council Meeting
Tuesday June 3rd 2008 7:00PM

Members Present

Pastor: Fr. John Gerth, Michael Scavelli, Arlene Judd, Will Huertas, Sue Huertas, Bill McCormick, Helen Kerker, Peggy Brockman, Doyle Callahan, Paul Gardiner, Matti Mores, Chris Raleigh, Gerry Malek.

Guest Speaker, Andy Shannon-School Principal

Members Not Present:

Deacon Roger Cartier, Mike Trumbull

Fr. John introduced the new Principal for Sacred Heart School, Andy Shannon and then opened the meeting with prayer. The minutes from the last meeting were distributed and reviewed, Paul Gardiner read them aloud, after one correction made to the title "Ministry Fair" that should have been "Christ Renews his Parish (CHRP)" all approved the minutes.

Topics Discussed:

- The new Principal, Andy Shannon gave a presentation to the group. He gave a brief summary of his personal background and his Academic credentials. He gave an overview of his vision for Sacred Heart School, some of the changes taking place, and asked the members of the council for prayers. He expects to do a lot of learning in this first year. He gave the current enrollment numbers, there are 155 students registered, he and Fr. John would like to see this number grow to 200 by the time school starts in August. Mr. Shannon asked that we help anyway we can in this effort; help to spread the word. He will be going to Notre Dame University for 6 weeks this summer pursuing his Masters Degree. Once he was finished he opened up the floor for questions from the group. One question was: How much is tuition? The answer: \$4000.00 per year, however the cost is lower when more than one child in the family is registered. Will there be any connection with the Morning Star School? Answer: Yes, there will continue to be connection such as PE Coach and Music.

- Coffee and Donut Ministry – the council is still looking to help form a Hospitality Ministry to help with this in the future. There will be no coffee and donuts during the summer months. We hope to start again in the fall when school starts. The Hospitality Ministry group needs to consist of those who are not already doing a lot of things in the Parish. Fr. John would like to have the names of anyone we could think of that he can personally call and ask for their help. So far, no one has come up with anything solid. We are hoping to tap into other ministries or organizations within our parish to help with this. Will and Sue Huertas along with Arlene Judd are in the process of getting the names and contact numbers for the heads of each group. Then, they will be calling each leader to get the names of the members of their groups. This information will then be put all together in a book for the parish and we can then use this resource to call the different groups to ask for help. Will also informed the group that, as of right now Wal-Mart donut prices are less expensive than Dunkin Donuts. But he also reminded the group that this could change again and we need to check on this frequently.
- The Parish Van – so far no regular driver has been found. There have been a few that would like to volunteer for certain events only.
- Welcoming Committee – Fr. John asked for names from the group if they know anyone that would be good with this, so far no names given. Fr. John is going to order name badges for all the parish council members so when we approach people at church, we are easily identified with the Church.
- Calendars – Fr. John is still looking for a sponsor to help with the printing costs, we need to get this firmed up before the end of June because the cost goes up from \$1.00 per calendar to \$1.50 after June 30th.
- Christ Renews his Parish – Three ladies from our parish attended a ladies retreat and met with Kathy Brasseur, Director of Faith Formation. Fr. John will get with her after Confirmation on June 10th to discuss this. The men's retreat is coming up later this month. We are still looking at Nov 08 and Jan 09 for our retreats.
- There are some changes in the Youth Ministry, Nick LaBrie will become the Assistant Youth Minister and will be working more with the youth. Maureen Boberg will be taking on a new group aimed at the parents of the youth. This group will be open to all adults of all faiths in the community. It will be a parent to parent group and will look at education and awareness on the issues facing parents raising children in today's world. Some topics covered may be computer use, drug abuse, study habits, etc.
- Nick has suggested a fund-raiser for the youth group – washing car windows during Mass on Sunday. Possibly one week-end per month. There was concern raised about car alarms and a suggestion was made to announce this beforehand so these alarms could be turned off. Fr. John will bring these suggestions to Nick and make plans accordingly.

- Knights of Columbus news – change in guard, no other news at this time.
- Altar Server participation is up for all Sunday Masses, now a push to raise participation at the week-day Masses.
- Parish Clean up day – looking for a time of year that is close to a big event or holiday to get the highest participation possible, possible times would be close to Christmas, Easter or Fall Festival. This clean-up would consist of cleaning windows, scrubbing floors, polishing pews, etc. Also, Fr. John would like to see the center aisle carpeted.
- At this time, there are no big projects planned at the parish. Fr. John would like to clean up some of the landscaping around, pulling up some old hedges and replacing them with low-lying white picket fences. Currently the parking lot is being chained off during the night to keep unwanted behavior from occurring.
- Some things that are being looked at and/or working on are:
 1. 1st Friday Meditation – still in the planning stages.
 2. Parish Picnic (not during hot summer months)
 3. Volunteer Appreciation Dinner (with recognition of long time volunteers).
- The recipient of the St. Jude award will be presented posthumous to Mr. Tim Williams who passed away earlier this year. He contributed a great deal to our parish, even when he was sick and battling his illness. Fr. John feels he is most deserving of this recognition and his family would really appreciate this.
- Still looking at having a Parish Ministry Fair in 2009, Fr. John would like to have our CHRP (Christ Renews His Parish) begin first.
- Volunteers are needed to distribute Communion to the sick at Northside Hospital on Saturdays, some members of the council volunteered to help out with this.
- A person involved as a Hospice Trainer came and spoke with Fr. John regarding a Ministry here at Sacred Heart for the Sick and Dying. He had to go up North for a few months but will get back with Fr. John when he returns to discuss this further
- Fall Festival will be on October 15th -19th 2008 this year, look in the Church Bulletin for upcoming festival meetings starting this summer.

Our Next Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday August 26th at 7:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Mrs. Sue Huertas