



**Sacred Heart Church, Pinellas Park  
Pastoral Council Meeting  
Tuesday January 6<sup>th</sup> 2009**

*Members Present*

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

Meeting opened at 7:00pm with Prayer by Fr. John.

Minutes of the meeting of 11/4/08 were amended to add Matti Mores and Arlene Judd to the member's present list and were approved as amended.

**C.H.R.P.**

- Ten women attended the retreat in December, the weekend went very well and the next one for women will be in early November 2009. The men's retreat is set for February 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 2009. Fr. John encouraged all men on the pastoral council to attend.

**First Friday Adoration:**

- Right now it is being held from 7am to 9am. Looking for persons to help out so we can expand the time to 4pm and beyond that in the future. There will be a request for this in the bulletin soon.

**Appreciation Dinner for Volunteers:**

- Some discussion on when to have this event, not during lent or advent but would like to be able to include northern visitors. A January 2010 timeline was decided. This gives plenty of time to plan and organize a successful event. Will Huertas and Arlene Judd have volunteered to brainstorm and plan this event. Capacity in the Parish Center is 500, will look to accommodate about 300-400 guests.

**Hospitality Ministry:**

- Doyle has asked a parishioner-Mike Marisco- to help out with getting more people from the parish to volunteer. Would like to expand this ministry beyond coffee and donuts.

**New Parish Registration Forms**

- Fr. John borrowed one from another parish for us to look at and go from there. We need to update our outdated forms.

#### Welcome Cards:

- These were put in the pews in time for the Christmas Masses. The only suggestion is to add a line to place in the collection basket.

#### Upcoming Events:

- Bishop Lynch will be coming on Saturday September 22<sup>nd</sup> at the 4pm Mass to close out our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Each ministry/organization within our parish will carry their flags in the procession, there are no plans after Mass. Fr. John asked that we all attend.

#### New Members for Council

- Need to replace a couple vacant seats, Andy Shannon, principal for the school suggested that a school council member be seated and Fr. John suggested that a member of one of the different ministries (youth, Legion of Mary, etc.) also be seated.

#### Other Discussed Issues:

- Possible new ministry coming to Sacred Heart, Fr. John to meet with them soon to discuss this possibility.
- Diocese of St. Petersburg conducting parish assessments - each parish is asked to make up a team of about 7-8 people to do a self-study of the parish over the next two years. These assessments are not for the purpose of closing parishes but to possibly merge parishes together due to the shortage of clergy, also looking to consolidate some ministries to combine with other parishes.
- Grief Ministry – looking to add this to our existing ministries.
- Ministry Updates – Will and Sue have updated the list according to the suggestions from the last meeting, Hard copy given to Fr. John. Kathy Brasseur is taking over the website and will get with her on updates, names etc. and will work with her. Need to create a booklet format for the hard copy, different from the format on the website.
- Ministry fair – possible date of April 26<sup>th</sup> need to look into further.

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday April 14<sup>th</sup> 2009 6<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. The meeting adjourned approximately 8:15pm.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by,  
Mrs. Sue Huertas