



**Sacred Heart Church, Pinellas Park  
Pastoral Council Meeting  
Tuesday March 16<sup>th</sup> 2010**

***Members Present***

Pastor: Fr. Anthony Coppola

Chris Raleigh, Michael Scavelli, Arlene Judd, Will Huertas, Sue Huertas, Helen Kerker, Doyle Callahan, Guests: Deacon David and Mary Anne Sirrianna

The meeting opened at 7pm with prayer offered by Fr. Coppola. Our guests were introduced and welcomed; they will be helping out with the Hospitality and Welcoming Committee.

Fr. Anthony began by giving an update on the Nursing Ministry. This would be to have nurses available one Sunday a month or quarter after all masses to check blood pressure, cholesterol, sugar etc. He will be checking into this further after Easter.

Welcoming Committee, new committee to oversee the process of welcoming new parishioners and to help create and maintain a welcoming atmosphere at our Parish to all members. This is in the initial stages, looking to put together members of the parish to be on this committee, so far Will and Sue Huertas, Deacon David and Mary Anne Sirrianna and will be adding more members. Will is meeting with Fr. Coppola on Wednesday March 17<sup>th</sup> to discuss this in more detail.

Welcoming Packets were discussed and samples from other parishes around the Diocese were brought in for review and ideas. Based on the information received, it was decided that these packets should include the following items:

- DVD
- Pastor Letter
- Mission Statement
- Registration Form
- Contact Form
- Ministry Form
- New Member Announcement Form
- Current Bulletin
- Pamphlet on Sacrificial Giving
- Refrigerator Magnet
- Brief History
- Letter Opener
- 8 ½ by 11 standard size
- The Sacred Heart and Address and Phone on the Front Cover

Parish Directory was discussed and samples from other parishes around the Diocese were brought in to review and get ideas. They range in styles from a bound book, spiral bound and magazine type. Also, samples from Olan Mills photography were brought in. They will do the photographs of the parish families and create our Directory at no cost to the parish, each family would receive one copy of their family portrait free and would be given the option to buy packages if they so decide to. This is how they make their money (from the sale of the packages). We need to look into this further and check the details of the contract carefully. We will also be looking into other companies and ideas as well. It was decided that the front cover should have the Sacred Heart and not a picture of the Church.

Spring Festival in April, should include the Welcoming Table but it should be moved away from the music, possibly even to the outside. It was too close to the music at the Fall Festival and was hard to talk to the people.

Summer Projects that Fr. Coppola is organizing to include making the entrance way to the Church, hallways, bathrooms, kid's room and gift shop areas more welcoming by painting, adding pictures and flowers. He will be calling on volunteers to help with this. Also, is looking to put together a garden/landscaping committee to spruce up the grounds. Need to add color and fragrance. All these measures will make for a more welcoming environment at our parish.

Doyle Callahan would like to give Fr. Coppola a proper welcoming to our parish prior to the disbanding of the current parish council members, felt it was the least we could do. We all would like to have the Installation Ceremony for Fr. Coppola but we are at the mercy of the Bishop's office for this. It was discussed if this is not accomplished by the Feast of the Sacred Heart on June 19<sup>th</sup> then on that weekend, we will have our own welcoming ceremony/breakfast.

Mike Scavelli raised some concerns that he has heard from some parishioners that there are negative/bossy attitudes in regards to the Sacristy area at Masses and especially during funerals. Fr. Coppola will be looking into to this.

Our next and final meeting with this Parish Council is scheduled for Tuesday May 4<sup>th</sup> and we will have a brief meeting and celebration dinner.

Meeting was closed with a Prayer read by Mary Anne Sirrianna and ended at 8:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,  
Sue Huertas