

Sacred Heart Parish Council

Agenda and Notes: June 11, 2019 Meeting

In attendance: Carlos Hernandez, Johann Gray, Kathy Mitcheson, Elvi Moya (seminarian) and Fr. Kevin

- Prayer
- Introduced Elvi
- Ongoing formation time, Chapter 10 from “Rebuilt” by Fr. White; the chapter covers his parish’s story of moving to stewardship to fund the parish. Of particular note was his discussion of how fundraisers contradict the concept of stewardship
- Praise & Feedback
 - o Both Confirmation and First Communion went well. The staff has already reconsidered how to take photos following First Communion
 - o Our Pentecost celebration with the visit by St. Mary of the Angels gospel choir was terrific!
 - o We continue to work on the bulletin’s formatting and content. We are encouraged by the positive feedback.
 - o Given the short prep time, the concert by the 2+One Band from Ohio went well. Attendance was enough to justify the effort to host the concert and, given that the cost was donated by a parishioner, the event can be considered a success. Of note, however, was the absence of youth and young adults. That has been discussed with our Youth Director
 - o A LifeTeen Mass, possibly once a month, was suggested. Fr. Kevin pointed out that the two biggest obstacle is getting a large enough attendance. The issue is more psychological than practical. We can easily offer the Mass for a small group, but LifeTeen Masses are characterized by energy, especially in the praise and worship music. That energy requires a larger congregation than what we might, right now, expect from our youth group.
- Consultation items
 - o We discussed the new Hearing Assist system. The group agreed it was a good step forward in improving the sound system
 - o Budget / APA; general discussion on financial transparency
 - Fr. Kevin reported that going forward we’d break down Other Income reported in the bulletin that is over \$1000
 - o Fr. Kevin explained the plans for two upcoming liturgies and asked for feedback:
 - June 22nd, Corpus Christi – insider Eucharistic procession / benediction
 - June 28th, Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
 - 6pm, special Mass in the Main church, with music
 - Gospel: lost sheep; theme of thanksgiving – we’re grateful for God reaching out to us and grateful for this past year
 - The council agreed to host a small Ice cream social in the narthex following the Mass

- Some Reporting: Fr. Kevin explained to the council the main projects for the summer
 - o Organizing, scanning, and cleaning our office files – our goal is to organize what we need to keep and discard those things that are no longer needed
 - o Switching the working sacristy with the altar server sacristy – Fr. Kevin explained the reasoning and plans. Note: Since the meeting, we received a bequest from the estate of Helen Greenfeld that has allowed us to expand this project.
 - o The school will be tented for termites in early July. We will split the cost with the school and have added the \$7,000 to our 2019-2020 budget
 - o We will be meeting with Landscape architects to see about getting a master plan for the entire parish property in late June. Note: The meeting was positive, but the cost is higher than we expected. This will be discussed at our next meeting.
 - o The plant nursery Fr. Kevin started to save the expense of buying palms and peace lilies at Easter is progressing well (approximately 20 palm trees and 100 peach lilies of various sizes)
 - o We purchased new computers for the staff (Lisa, Melody, and Fr. Vijay). These were donated by a parishioner. Going forward, we plan to replace two per year which will result in the staff having computers no more than 4 years old.
- Other business
 - o Discussion of a nursery during the 9:30 Mass; staffing would be the biggest challenge
 - o A few maintenance items were mentioned
 - o Next meeting date is August 13 (2nd Tuesday, every other month)