

Minutes: Sacred Heart Pastoral Council

February 10, 2019

Members present: Fr. Steve Dublinski, Jim Evermann, Lorraine Farrand, Aurora Horstkamp, Jim Lincoln, Kevin Owens (Chair), Eric Patera, Mary Schweitzer, and Charlotte Snekvik. Also present: Mary Sutherland, Parish Secretary.

The meeting opened with a prayer.

Liturgy & Worship commission report: Fr. Steve reported that the Liturgy Commission formed last year and the members had training. They have made some changes to the liturgy, such as adding the Hymn of Praise after Communion. The hymn is optional, and will not be sung during Lent. The committee is working on Lent and Easter plans. They are exploring options for the Easter Vigil and baptism of the candidates. They would like to have two sets of robes for Baptism, starting with gray and changing to white.

It is challenging to find the time to get the committee members educated; otherwise everything comes from Fr. Steve. They are working on maintaining and developing a liturgy to fit the parish; what does good liturgy look like on the Palouse?

The current hymnals were perhaps not the best choice for the community. They are missing a large portion of the hymns used here. The music for the Responsorial Psalm is usually different than what is written in the hymnal since it doesn't fit the style of music used at the different Masses. Each Mass usually has a different tune.

There are ten Eucharistic prayers, but only four in the hymnal, that is why people often can't find the one Fr. Steve is using.

New sound system: It took a lot of hard work before Christmas to get the new system working. The next step is to disconnect and remove the 'big ball' on the ceiling. It creates feedback. It was state-of-the-art when installed. The TV in the annex is not ideal, but it works. Since it was installed more people sit in the annex. The TV is now used at all the Masses, not just at 8:30. The camera is in the choir loft. Fr. Steve would eventually like to have the camera mounted in a permanent spot.

The next step is to send the TV signal into the social hall to a big screen TV mounted on the wall. That will be used during overflow Masses, usually big funerals. We still have money in the AV fund for equipment.

The current security cameras just record the altar area (from a camera mounted by one of the speakers) and outside the front entrance. That way people who come into church to pray are not taped.

Sacred Heart t-shirts: The Marketing Committee met and came up with an idea for Sacred Heart t-shirts. They are for all ages, and could be worn at the ArtWalk, Lentil Festival, CYC, or anywhere! The committee wants to use a local business, College Threads. They are a little more expensive, but the shirts are good quality. The idea is to order a variety of sizes and sell them at church. The Marketing Committee needs a budget so they can order the shirts. The Pastoral Council members looked at mock-ups of the shirt designs. They preferred a white logo with a heart and cross, and stalks of wheat on either side. Above the logo it says, 'Sacred Heart Church' in curved letters, and below, 'Pullman, WA', also curved. The shirts are WSU crimson. The council likes the idea and wants to go ahead with it. Some of the men would like the option of ordering golf shirts rather than t-shirts. Members would like to give t-shirts to the youth group members and altar servers.

Sacred Heart signs: The Knights are still looking into placing signs that say 'Sacred Heart Catholic Church' at the Pullman entrances. And possibly a few directional signs pointing to the church. Another good way to advertise our location is to purchase an ad on the chamber of commerce map. Those maps go to all newcomers to Pullman.

Building plans: There has been no response from the owner of the house next door. The building committee will meet soon to keep working on possibilities.

Coffee & doughnuts: Pastoral Council is March 3. Mary Sutherland will send an email around to get volunteers.

Next meeting: Sunday, March 10, 9:45 am.

Submitted by **Mary Sutherland**.