

Sacred Heart Parish Pastoral Council Meeting – June 23, 2024

Council members present: Colleen Boone, Rob Cassleman, Fr. Steve Dublinski, Bill Engels, Jr. (youth rep.) Sandra Gallardo Cook, Trisha Doumit (Zoom), Robert Harris (Chair), Rich Heath, Jim Lincoln, Judene McLane, and Charlotte Worthy. Guest Sean Crepin, seminarian, Mary Sutherland, secretary.

Opening Prayer - Our Father.

Pastoral Council Nominees: The council discussed the nominees for pastoral council who had agreed to serve. They decided to name Bunnie Lawhead and Phil Nelson to the council. Bill suggested a high school student for youth rep for next year. Someone will contact them.

Booth at Pride Celebration for City of Pullman: This spring a parishioner asked if the parish would like to have a booth at the Pullman Pride Celebration. It was short notice, and Fr. Steve wasn't sure if that was something the parish should do. We would have to ask the bishop. It is a sensitive issue. The council discussed the matter briefly and will follow up at the fall retreat. Members will research what other parishes do, and think about why we would have a booth. To show support? To offer help? Fr. Steve may contact Fr. James Martin, S.J., for advice, since he has a public ministry to LGBTQI Catholics.

Review of Pentecost: There were a few small problems, but most of the congregation probably didn't notice. Next year there will be a rehearsal. This year Fr. Steve was at the priests' retreat and then a funeral from Monday until Saturday, so there was not time. We added readings in other languages, and dancing at the end.

Graduate Students – how to help going forward: Fr. Steve has been talking with grad students and found that the first year is the most difficult. They need more information about resources and how to network right away. It is still unclear how the raise in salary for grad students will affect their employment. The Social Justice Ministry is trying to help by putting a food pantry for parishioners in the church entrance. We have grad students and others with food insecurity, and this may help. The ministry members will keep the pantry stocked, and will eventually ask the parish for donations.

Sewer problems: The sewer vent was overflowing, the staff called Roto Rooter. They came and cleared it, but their camera showed that the pipe is made of different sections of clay, plastic, iron, and cardboard with tar liner. The cardboard line has disintegrated. That is the part under Maiden Lane. It is a "party line", with a line from the church (not sure if it's just the social hall or the whole church building), one from the parish house, one from the house next door, and one at the far end which may come from the house next to the one on the corner. The city will probably make each house have its own line. We don't know if it would work to pull a liner through the pipe. We also don't know if there is a main line going down Ash Street which we could tap into, or whether it must go out to Maiden Lane. Roto Rooter will do an estimate. It will cost \$2-300 due to using their cameras, getting someone from the city to be there, etc. We don't know who notifies the other owners.

Tree Trimming: The staff has calls out to tree trimming services. The city trimmed the first maple tree on Maple Street near the church entrance. There is obvious rot in the tree, so it needs to be removed. That tree has taken the brunt of the wind and weather, but now the next tree will. Other trees need trimming also. We will look at replacing the tree, but fit it into church renovation plans.

Plan for retreat in the fall: We will decide on the date by email. Possibly the first Saturday of October.

Additional shed: The Knights will install a prefabricated shed just past the old carport behind the parish house, in the parking space that has a sand pile in it. The shed can be moved if needed during an eventual remodel.

Farewell to members: Robert and family will be on sabbatical from September to January. Trisha and Marie Wallace Parrish are the co-chairs of the council now. The members thanked Charlotte and Jim for their six years of service to the council. They congratulated Bill on graduating from high school and thanked him for his faithful attendance and participation at meetings.

Closing prayer: Glory Be.

Next meeting: September 8, 2024.

Submitted by Mary Sutherland