

Sacred Heart Parish Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 19, 2019 - 7:00 PM - Parish Hall

Members Present: Father Mark, Thomas Eskro, Karen Swank, Dylan Kessler, Barry Eske, Dave Burgard, Justin Scott.

Members Absent: Angie Walth, Dennis Wells

Father Mark called the meeting to order. The Council proceeded to the chapel for a time of prayer.

Upon reconvening in the parish hall, discussion was had regarding the second Vision Sunday on October 20. The Council feels that the reception has generally been positive.

Discussion was had regarding Vision Sunday #3, which will occur the weekend of November 23-24. Dylan will be the speaker prior to all of the Masses. Thomas is still working on the bulletin insert and will have it ready for the weekend. The leaders for each of the Masses were encouraged to reach out to the greeters as a reminder that it will be a Vision Sunday. Dylan will handle getting the refreshments out for Saturday night hospitality. Discussion was had on the name tags. While there has been some reluctance from parishioners, and some negative feedback, the vast majority of feedback that the Council has received has been positive.

Discussion was had on ways to make each Vision Sunday seem fresh. Father Mark proposed moving the Live the Gospel posters around so they are more noticeable again, and discussed taking down the Live the Gospel banners and putting them back up on Vision Sunday to grab more attention. There has been positive feedback on the Discipleship Prayer, and the intention is to have Father lead the congregation in the prayer after Dylan finishes introductory comments at the Masses. There was discussion of exploring whether we can get an article in the Bishop's Bulletin about what we are doing.

Discussion was had on the Reviving Parishes leadership training. Thomas gave a brief overview of what was covered in the first two sessions. Thomas gave the Council information for accessing the program online for those who cannot be at the meetings. Discussion was had, based on the comments in the Reviving Parish program regarding the Parish Council and the leadership team the program envisions being two separate entities, of whether the Parish Council is comfortable continuing the program and taking on the responsibilities entailed. The Council agreed that we should continue with the program.

Discussion was had regarding an appreciation event for volunteers. Father Mark was approached about such an event for a particular ministry group, but would prefer that it be a larger event including all volunteers. The person who approached Father expressed willingness to take on responsibility for a

larger event. The Council agreed that an event would be appropriate. Karen and Dave will consult with the interested individual regarding plans.

Thomas informed the Council of two upcoming events of interest. On December 4, the parish will host The Coming of the King Advent mini-retreat. The retreat will start with Mass at 5:30 p.m., followed by a light meal and presentation by Dr. Chris Burgwald on what it means to be a disciple in Advent, followed by adoration and confession. On December 9, Dr. David Anders will be the keynote speaker for the Real Presence Radio fundraiser at the DEC.

Discussion was had on whether the Council wants to have another planning retreat this spring. It was agreed that we do, and it was tentatively set for Friday, March 13, 2020. The plan for the retreat will be to set our next three goals for the coming year. Thomas would like one of those goals to be working on an evangelization plan and discipleship map.

Father Mark closed the meeting by leading the council in prayer.

The Council's next scheduled meeting is December 17, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Justin Scott
Secretary