

## **Sacred Heart Pastoral Council**

May 18, 2023

St. Isidore Catholic Center

Approved Meeting Minutes

This was a combined Sacred Heart Pastoral Council and Finance Council Meeting, which was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Dave Mayer.

**Opening Prayer:** Led by Father Burkle.

**Attendance:** Father Burkle, Annette Uker, Clarence Kruse, Dan VandenAvond and Bob Clark. Also in attendance were Sacred Heart Finance Council Members Dave Mayer, Carrie Mayer, Marsha Angell and Jim Wagner.

**Absent:** Julie Johnson, Marlin Duren and Patty Kisley.

**Finance Council Discussion:** The Finance Council discussed issues related to the Financials, including the 2.375 million dollars that is still owed on the New Church Capital Campaign Loan. Fr. Ray told us that the Archdiocese of Dubuque gave him approval to proceed with the installation of the new heating system in the school. Dave also reported that according to the City of Osage Engineer, Sacred Heart Church will receive a reduced rate on the upcoming State Street Paving Project and that the parking area on the west side of the church is actually a City of Osage responsibility to maintain.

**Minutes of the March 2, 2023 Pastoral Council Meeting:** Upon receiving no changes to the minutes, Bob made a motion and Dan seconded the motion to approve the minutes, and they were approved.

**Additions to Agenda:** There were no additions to the agenda.

**New Pastoral Council Members:** Annette told us there have been 24 names of Parishioners submitted and that it is the current Pastoral Council Member's responsibility to contact each of these people to find out whether they would be willing to serve. Ballots will then be made up and the Election of New Pastoral Council Members will be held during the weekend of May 27 and 28, 2023. Clarence and Bob are scheduled to be replaced on the council.

**Old Business:** Fr. Ray told us that he feels the Masses where the Precious Blood is offered during Communion have been going well and that he is considering offering the Precious Blood at each future Mass. He told us that more Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and Ushers are needed, and asked that we submit any recommendations we may have of Parishioners to serve to him.

Fr. Ray told us that to date, approximately 170 Parish Families out of a possible approximately 750 Families have scheduled having their photos taken for the New Pictorial Directory.

**New Business:** In response to the recommendation received from the Finance Council, Bob made a motion and Dan seconded the motion to spend the remaining \$ 15,244.02 in the Fox Fund plus \$20,724.21 from the Catholic Foundation in the Archdiocese of Dubuque toward paying down the cost of the New Heating System for the school. This motion was unanimously approved.

Annette told us the Parish Life Committee has been working on reviewing New Parishioner Packets. She told us the Social Justice Committee has been meeting once every few months. She also said the Faith Formation Committee will start meeting again soon.

**Father Burkle Report:** Fr. Ray told us the Adult Education Committee met this morning and discussed the following:

- Possibly conducting night sessions on Death and Dying during the next Lenten Season. Included would be practices that should or shouldn't be encouraged such as the proper handling of cremains, etc. Also included would be the importance of having a Wake the night before the day of the Funeral Mass, Living Will Information, etc.
- Showing the Chosen Movies during late August thru November during the afternoon and evening, along with having discussions about the movies afterward.
- Looking at showing other movies on a monthly basis, for example Father Stu, with discussions about the movies following.

Fr. Ray told us he is considering sending out another letter to Parishioners keeping them informed on where we are at with the Capitol Campaign Fund Drive. Clarence suggested that Fr. Ray consider doing a plea from the pulpit during weekend Masses.

**Closing Prayer:** Fr. Ray led us in a closing prayer.

**Next Meeting Date:** The Sacred Heart Pastoral Council will meet in June to elect New Officers, sometime after the upcoming election. Our next Joint Sacred Heart Pastoral Council and Finance Council Meeting is scheduled for August 17, 2023, starting at 6:30 p.m. at the St. Isidore Catholic Center in Osage.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Bob and seconded by Dan to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m., and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Bob Clark, Secretary.