

Sacred Heart Pastoral Council Meeting Notes

September 8, 2016

Call to Order

President – Carol Smith 7:00pm

Opening Prayer: Sacred Heart of Jesus

President – Carol Smith

Attendance

Kevin MacFerrin	Anita Halterman	John Mathis
Julie Hadson	Carol Smith	Nichole Campbell
Joanne Nealon	Father Hartshorn	

Review/Approval May Minutes

Approved – John Mathis 2nd – Kevin MacFerrin

Introduction of New Council Members

Welcome to: Anita Halterman & Julie Hadson

Review of Committee Reports

John Mathis commented that there are quite a few items to go over when reporting on the S.H. School. Will submit reports to attach monthly as well.
– Committee report attached

Council Faith Formation: Forming Intentional Disciples

Father Hartshorn provided a word document for the council committee to read

- Also provided a video to watch by Father Barron
- Would like to see the committee work on becoming disciples and finding ways to sew the seeds within our community

Several members commented on ways to possibly increase attendance

- Father noticed that there are quite a few members who do not attend on regular basis

Old Business:

Parish Picnic

- Overall picnic went well
- Popwalk was a success – thanks to all who donated pop
- Approx. 400+ attended (down from approx. 700 who attended at last picnic)
- Next year church will be celebrating 125 years. Will try to set up committee for that and will take place of picnic in 2017.

New Business:

Love in the Heart of Christ Service Project

- Deanna Gray came and spoke on event
- 10th year of doing this service for community and has grown each year
- Will be a 2 day event in October (29th & 30th)
- Will run event in bulletin for 4 weeks
- Asked for assistance at sign-up tables during kick-off weekend
- New this year is that the volunteers will be put on teams of 6-8 and will do several different projects.
- Looking for someone to take over the Heart of Christ Service Project overall. Deanna suggested that it would be helpful if they only had part-time jobs as this project takes time.

Mary's Meals

School and Women's Guild already working on this. Carol will still make contact to see what is being done.

Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) at Sacred Heart – Kevin MacFerrin

Looking at bringing CRHP back to the church and wanted to know the thoughts about it. Looking out about 1 year before putting it on again.

Volunteer for the closing prayer for October meeting (Oct. 11)

Nichole Campbell will provide

Closing Prayer: Carol Smith

Adjourned – 8:25pm

September Pastoral Council Committee Reports

Gift – Lorelee Chase:

GIFT is in full swing for Fall. We have 11 sessions of Bible and Video series to choose from including daytime, evening, beginner or advanced studies. We continue to offer a Bible Study in Spanish. We are able to provide childcare at three of our studies this year. Truly something for everyone.

To continue the Year of Mercy here at Sacred Heart we are excited to announce that on Sept 20 at 7pm, we welcome Dr. Matthew Halbach, the author of the book *Becoming a Parish of Mercy*. Dr. Halbach will be discussing how we continue the new evangelization by becoming more merciful as a parish. We do that by living out our faith. What does that look like at Sacred Heart. We will have wine and appetizers and Dr. Halbach will be signing copies of his book for all in attendance. (pass out attached flyer if you like). This would be a great event for the council to attend. :)

The MAGNA 24 men's group started in the Spring and is a huge success. They routinely study the Gospel readings for the week and have discussion and faith sharing led by Bryan Bravard. The MAGNA men have also had social outings including a Wild hockey game, and an ICubs event. The group celebrated the Canonization of Teresa of Calcutta on Sept 4 by feeding the hungry at the Catholic Worker House. The group provided a meal, donated men's coats and shoes for winter and socialized with the guests of the house. It was a great time for everyone.

Women's Guild – Barb Baker:

The Women's Guild will be doing membership drives after mass the first two weekends in September. Fall Friendship is scheduled for September 13 at 6:30 in the Parish Center. We did not have donuts this month because of Labor Day. Our first service night will be October 18th. We plan on making casseroles for the Domestic Violence Center, start our pennies collection for Mary's Meals, and make blankets. We will be promoting Sal Salgado's presentation and serving cookie and treats to those in attendance. This past month we helped with the parish picnic, served donuts and provided cookie for the Café Connection, a project we do throughout the year.

RCIA - Casey Conner:

We are beginning a new RCIA session this week, and we are beginning with something new. All parishioners are invited to come and learn about what it takes to be Catholic in three sessions (see flier attached). This Sunday, September 11 we are meeting in the school multipurpose room to hear two

parishioners give their experience of what it was like to go through RCIA. We will also have Q&A with Fr. Chris. Next week, September 18, we will have a Tour of the Church. We will meet in the church sanctuary and begin with our stained glass windows. Then we will proceed with the rest of the tour, led by CFF director Kayla Richer. Finally, on September 25, we will once again meet in the school multipurpose room to hear Fritz Nordengren, parishioner and recent convert, discuss his pilgrimage on the Camino in Spain, and how it influenced his decision to become Catholic.

We are focusing our inquiry sessions on Sacred Heart parishioners this year, so they will familiarize themselves with the RCIA process, and possibly bring a friend or relative to see what being Catholic is all about. The primary teacher of the faith in RCIA is the parish community, and we are hoping to tap into our parishioners to help bring others to the faith.

Note: I will print out fliers and leave them in the conference room to hand out to the pastoral council members. Please let them know that this is a great way to bring others to learn a little about RCIA without committing to anything. We aren't going to be taking any names or signing people up for anything at these sessions. If they are interested in continuing, I will ask them to contact me separately to schedule a one-on-one session to explain further and collect contact information. We will also have a table after Masses this weekend to answer any further questions.

Liturgy - Casey Conner:

Nothing new to report at this time.

Finance – Jeff Miller:

Nothing new to report at this time.

Board of Education - John Mathis:

Nothing new to report at this time.

Sacred Heart Young Adults

We had 3 events over the summer; one each month of June, July and August

June we had a social gathering

July and August we did “Mass and a Meal” – attend mass together and then enjoy a meal together. We have had a total of 4 people attend the events (not including Jen and Laura) - we have had email communication with a few other people who expressed interest in learning more about the group; we also believe the summer vacations and events limited interest

As of right now we do not have an event or activity planned for September

Jen and Laura are brainstorming different activities to plan such as a video series called "Light of The World"- St Pius offered this June/July, speakers, etc

Pastoral Council Meeting Dates:

Location for each meeting is the Conference Room

2016

September 8

October 11

November 8

December 13

2017

January 10

February 7

March 14

April 11

May 9



WHAT IS CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH (CRHP)?

As Catholics, we are called to witness to one another the amazing things God has done for us. The CRHP process allows us to do just that—take a break from our busy lives, share our faith with others, and get to know God through his works.

CRHP is a personal and parish spiritual renewal process. Since 1969, CRHP has impacted over 1,400 parishes throughout the United States. Today, CRHP is the primary program for both personal and parish spiritual renewal in over 100 Catholic dioceses and 40 states across America.

MORE THAN A WEEKEND RETREAT

CRHP HAS THREE PARTS:

ATTEND

Participants attend a two-day, one-overnight renewal weekend at their parish to focus on where they are in their spiritual journey. Music, faith sharing, Mass, and individual and group activities help you reflect on your current relationship with God. (Men and women attend separate weekends.)

LEAD

After attending a renewal weekend, participants are invited to serve on the next Men's/Women's CRHP Team at their parish. You will go through a time of team fellowship, formation, and catechesis as together you and your team pray, work, and prepare to lead the next men's/women's renewal weekend.

SERVE

What is God calling you to next? Search for and join other ministries in your parish to serve and help make your parish a more vibrant faith community.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

There is a one-time registration/copyright fee of \$495 per parish. After registering, parishes may order CRHP handbooks for \$40 each. Handbooks are essential to the team formation and catechesis process. Your parish will own the handbooks and distribute them to each team member. (A Spanish version of CRHP is also available. Pricing may differ.)

CRHP WORKS!

In fact, it might be the most effective way to trigger engagement among Catholics today!

Between 2008-2011, Dynamic Catholic performed extensive research exploring the difference between highly engaged Catholics and disengaged Catholics.

Throughout the research, CRHP was frequently cited as a highly effective way to trigger engagement. People who experience CRHP are very likely to become dynamic Catholics.

HOW DO I START CRHP AT MY PARISH?

We are glad you asked!

Please contact Joe Farris at
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You can also visit www.DynamicCatholic.com/crhp to learn more.