

# Sacred Heart Pastoral Council Minutes

February 11, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 pm. Opening Prayer by Fr. Portelli.

Members present Fr. Portelli, Dave Poxon, Melissa Esiline, Joe Sisco, Jamie Cameron, John Cantalin, Mark Harris, Kristen Willert and Carolyn Brinkman.

Member's absent: Mark Graveline (excused)

Council reviewed and approved the minutes from the January 14, 2020 meeting.

## Updates

**Status of Campus Renovation Project – Father:** The next meeting with the Dioceses is scheduled for April 2, 2020. It is very unlikely we will be building a new narthex this year. The interior church renovation should begin sometime this year. Looking at a winter renovation. Not sure if we will be asked to put in ramps for the sanctuary. We will probably have to retain our baptistry in order to save money. We will not know anything until the April 2, 2020 meeting date. Nothing has been finalized yet

**LifeTouch Parish Directory – Poxon:** All members that signed up to get their picture taken were given a copy of the directory. We as a parish received 200 copies. 162 to those who had their picture taken. 38 are being used for new members. Print directories for all registered parish members that did not sign up for their picture taken. LifeTouch prohibits using their directory images. Dave is working on creating a new directory without the use of Lifetouch format. Kristen offered to help put Dave in contact with someone who can help with this.

**Judge Shaffer Endowment-Poxon:** There was a meeting held with Kristen Smith, Executive Director of the Catholic Community Foundation of Mid-Michigan, on February 11, 2020. We are at about \$1.5 million in the endowment, \$772,000 is in the actual endowment. \$732,000 is in the interparish fund. The next meeting will be on March 19th to determine if we want to put all the money into one account (endowment) to help increase the return on investment and lower the management fees. Kristen felt the fees were high as they stand. The rule of thumb is distribution up to about 5% on an annual basis which should be sustainable. If we take 5% of the market value it would equate to around \$72,000 available per year.

**SHP Security Plan Volunteer(s) - Poxon:** Cantalin/Poxon - John got a copy of the St Athanasius plan and is going to contact Stefan the head of the Ushers to go through the plan with him. John wants to get with the ushers and see what their thoughts are on using the STA plan as our template. John requested a month to work on this.

**Formed Communication Tool - Father:** About one month ago we had about 87 families between both parishes signed up. Father expects the number to go up. Those who are signed up speak highly of the service.

## New Business

**Increased Participation by PC Members – Poxon/Father:** - Father will have Dave and Kevin Smith read some material he has and then they will discuss options and hopefully find some ways to be more efficient as pastoral council.

**October Counts: Father-** Number of people attending mass is down 4.4% from last year. It is down 21.4% over the last five years for the Dioceses of Saginaw. There are 12 parishes in our vicariate. Ten of these parishes are down in count. SHP is down 4.15% which is 19 people. At SHP we had 25 deaths and 9 baptisms. STA lost 7.07% which is 13 people. On the third Sunday in October, Harrison suffered a large power outage which may have affected their attendance.

**Meeting of PC Chairs to increase PC member participation-** Father- Fr. will have Dave and Kevin Smith read some material he has and then they will discuss options and hopefully find some ways to be more efficient as pastoral council.

**Alice training** – two members from each parish are invited for training in Saginaw on March 20, 2020.

**Confirmation** - Bishop Gruss will be coming to our parish June 6, 2020 for confirmations.

### **Open Discussion**

**New parishioner welcoming letter-** Melissa/Kristen: Melissa and Kristen wrote up a new welcoming letter with much more information and more materials to make new members feel welcome. The welcoming letter was a vast improvement and the council unanimously approved the letter and the brochure packet. Melissa and Kristen will give the info to Mary and the upgraded material will be used from this point forward.

Next Meeting-Proposed - April 14, 2020

**Open Discussion** – Mark noted that the diocese has subject matter experts willing to come to the parish to discuss specific topics that may be helpful to the parish.

Melissa will follow up with Mary in the office to make sure that new members are welcomed, and PC will follow up to make sure the process is in place.

Mark noted that Stuff the Bus for Life has shown interest on Facebook. Fr. noted 15 are coming from SHP so far.

**Next Meeting proposed: April 14, 2020 at 6:15 PM**

Closing Prayer by Father at 7:30 p.m.

Recording Minutes: Jamie Cameron/Dave Poxon

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