

# Sacred Heart Pastoral Council Minutes - Draft

June 30, 2020

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

Members present (video conference): Fr. Portelli, Dave Poxon, Joe Sisco, Jamie Cameron, John Cantalin, and Mark Harris.

Member's absent: Mark Graveline and Melissa Esiline

Council reviewed and approved the minutes from the February 11, 2020 meeting.

## Updates

**Covid safety procedure implementation - Father:** In April, Father received a four-phase plan from the Bishop to open the Diocese from the Covid restrictions. We are currently in phase three which requires face masks, physical distancing, towelettes and hand sanitizer everywhere. It also requires distribution of Eucharist after the final blessing, as well as requiring a maximum of 120 people at mass. All classes, meetings, events are all put on hiatus. Phase three is supposed to last until August 30<sup>th</sup>. Phase four is supposed to mean back to "normal" with no restrictions. There is a possibility we will be in phase three for a while. Father believes the majority have accepted the phase three plan.

**Mass attendance and ideas - Father:** First weekend open was May 30-31 and we had 55 in attendance the numbers are going up minimally each weekend, but we are nowhere near the 120 that are allowed. If we reach the 120 allowed, Father is willing to add Masses. In the last month we have had a wedding and six baptisms as well as several adults who have come into the church (yay)!! These were all performed after mass though, due to the phase three restrictions. Father is looking for some ideas to increase mass attendance. One possibility is to have outdoor mass in the parking lot. In March father emailed the Bishop and asked about using an FM transmitter for people to hear the mass in their cars. The Bishop said no. Four weeks ago Father heard from the Bishop who said he was open to the idea. Concerns are, transmitting without a license would incur significant penalties monetarily. Last weekend the Bishop held a parking lot mass, Father asked how they did it and is waiting to hear back. Thoughts on using the Activity Center as an overflow area with a big screen for Mass but the church and AC do not have Wi-Fi to support live stream. Also, to live stream on YouTube you must have 1000 subscribers before YouTube will let you live stream via cell phone.

**Event cancellations and rescheduling - Father:** Gladwin Co. Fair is cancelled, therefore so is our booth. A monk coming from Italy was going to come speak with us and that has been cancelled. The Parish Mission has been rescheduled for May 22-26 of 2021. The Corpus Christi procession was cancelled based on the advice from the Bishop. There will be a virtual VBS next month.

**Collections - Father:** Father shared an image of our collections from January through June. He referred to an email from Jill showing \$129,349 that was collected in 2019 March through June and \$113,904 collected in 2020 March through June. We have had some generous parishioners who have stepped in and donated extra and some non-parishioners who have donated as well. SHP and STA applied for and received a PPP (paycheck protection program) grant to cover our payroll for two months. We are down in our collections, but we are not hurting badly as other parishes in the Diocese are.

**Hymnals - Father:** The Saint Augustine Hymnal came in about three weeks ago. Father shared an image of the payback analysis of the hymnals. Sacred Heart ordered 360 Hymnals totaling \$7,002.00 to be paid over 3.2 years. The disposable missalettes we had been using totaled \$2188.80 per year. The Hymnals should last us 20-25 years. Savings to the parish over 8 years after payback period is \$17,510.40! The Hymnals include all the music and all the readings. In the bulletin the parish will be asking if anyone would like to purchase in honor or memory of a loved one, a Hymnal for \$22. There will be a sticker on the inside cover stating in honor or memory of their loved one, but the Hymnal will remain at church. Some may choose to purchase a Hymnal for themselves personally. How do we make

sure people do not take the Hymnals that belong to the church home? There is a plastic cover that can be ordered for the Hymnal and Dave suggested those purchasing for personal use be required to have the cover on it to determine if it is church property or personal property. Dave will order a cover to see how it looks.

**Eucharistic adorations (SHP) - Father:** Tabled until next meeting.

**Status of Campus Renovation Project - Father:** A meeting is upcoming July 9<sup>th</sup> in person.

**Lifetouch-Parish Directory -Status-Poxon:** Mary indicated she has a lot of copies that have not been distributed. As we go forward Dave will see what the demand is for those who want a directory that did not get their picture taken.

**Judge Shaffer Endowment - Poxon:** Jill recommended an in-person meeting which needs to be scheduled.

**SHP Security Plan Update - Cantalin/Poxon:** John talked to Stefan and has the write up from STA for Stefan to look over. Stefan mentioned they had a meeting within the last two years. John wants to make sure we are all on the same page with what is happening. The meeting has been put on hold due to Covid.

**Gladwin/Harrison Good Samaritan Initiative - Father/Poxon:** The group still exists. Requests for help have dropped off. The infrastructure on the website is still there in case Covid resurges. There was an issue with reaching people due to phone numbers not being updated. Some were emailed, but the email list is also not up to date.

### **New Business**

**Pastoral Council Membership – Father:** With the Covid situation, we are at 7 members and Father is ok with that number. Thanks to Joe and Jamie for extending their tour for another year.

**New Parish Member – Poxon:** Dave is going to follow up with Melissa that everything is running smoothly with new member committee.

**Flood Relief Efforts – Father.** The flood relief headquarters for Gladwin County is in the Sacred Heart Activity Center and is packed with items needed by flood victims. The merchandise is coming from FEMA and other organizations as well as our parish. SHP has donated \$4000 and the use of our Activity Center. As needs were met, usage of the items has gone down considerably since the first week.

### **Open Discussion**

**Parish incorporation:** The Diocese met and talked about moving to incorporate each parish. As a result, our parish would be named Sacred Heart Church of Gladwin. Incorporation would make each parish more insulated for liability and financial concerns by creating a firewall. Many dioceses in Michigan have already been incorporated. The effective date will be July 1, 2020.

**Next Meeting proposed August 11, 2020 at 6:20 pm via video conference**

**Closing Prayer by Father at 7:45 pm.**

Recording Minutes: Jamie Cameron/Dave Poxon

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