

Sacred Heart Pastoral Council Minutes

October 13, 2020 – Final

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

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

Joe Sisco, Jamie Cameron, Mark Graveline, and Melissa Esiline absent (excused).

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

Fr. Portelli informed those on the video call that unfortunately, Joe Sisco had to resign from the Pastoral Council due a family illness. Our prayers go out to Joe and his family.

Updates

Saint Augustine Hymnals – Father/Poxon: There is a sleeve that can be purchased from Brodart for those who wish to purchase their own private hymnal that they would bring and take home with them. Dave ordered several different samples to determine if it is worth offering to parishioners purchasing their own hymnals to take home. The covers which sells for under \$.25 per cover, appears to be very inexpensive and not very sturdy. All agreed to hold off on any purchase until it is determined how many parishioners purchase their own hymnal.

Judge Shaffer Endowment-Poxon: Zoom meeting with Kristen Smith, Catholic Community Foundation of Mid-Michigan (CCFMM) was held on Tuesday, September 29th, 2020. Members of the Shaffer Fund advisory committee consist of:

Pastor of Sacred Heart – Fr. Portelli

Chairperson of the Sacred Heart Parish Finance Council – Dave Cooper

Chairperson of the Sacred Heart Pastoral Council – Dave Poxon

Chairperson of the Sacred Heart Mission – Pam Weaver

Two At-Large Members to be selected by the Pastor - Tom Winarski & Angela Bigham

Two documents were agreed upon at the meeting, the Operating Guidelines and Grant Policy and Procedures and the Actions of SHP to establish the fund. Funds from the IPDL (inter parish deposit and loan account) will be transferred and consolidated into the endowment. The endowment will yield a return of 4% for 2020 (it will vary by year based on market returns) which is twice the rate of the current IPDL rate.

SHP Security Plan Update-Cantalin/Poxon: John and Dave met via phone to make some progress with the plan. A draft of the Security Plan was submitted to Jill for review. Next steps are to include some of the facility schematics showing the campus and existing structures, exits, etc. The plan is to use drawings from the church modernization project and include them in the final plan.

Mass Attendance Trend and Options-Father: Father discussed how the attendance has been increasing to around 200 to 280 members for the Saturday and Sunday masses (combined total). While the weather remains moderate, Sunday parking lot mass will continue. On November 7th, Saturday masses will start at 4pm to make use of available daylight with the end of Daylight Savings.

Diocesan Building Commission - Father: Fr. Reported that the meeting which was held this morning (October 13, 2020) in Saginaw went well. We had a good discussion about the plans that were presented, and it was confirmed that approval was granted for the parish to proceed and let out contracts.

New Business

Parishioner Communications Tool – Fr. Currently, the parish uses the myParish cell phone/computer application for the last 4 year. The myParish application notified the Diocese that starting 2021, the service will no longer be free. The \$700+ annual fee is excessive, considering the number of members that use the app. Fr. is considering using a combination of Facebook and Email (which would be no cost to the parish). Also, the parish is considering another application, FlockNote. We will hear more about the FlockNote application after the start of the new year.

Next Meeting Zoom – January 26th, 2021 – 6:15 pm

Closing Prayer by Father at 7:46 pm.

Recording Minutes: Dave Poxon

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