

**SACRED HEART CHURCH  
PARISH COUNCIL MINTUES 01/12/09**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Larry Beuerlein, Jim Farrar, Gerardo Prieto, Rolanda Avila, Michael Seigismund, Bob Horton, Julia Valdes, Sr. Laureana, Rose Leyva, Jim Francka. STAFF: Fr. Tom, Fr. Joshi

Meeting called to order at 6:05pm with opening prayer by Jim Farrar.

Fr. Tom introduced Micheal Seigismund as the new Youth representative.

December minutes were approved with a motion by Julia and a second by Larry.

Howard Pohl was not present to give the finance report but everyone was provided with a written copy.

**NOVEMBER COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**HISPANIC REPORT:** Sr. Laureana commented on the written Hispanic report. ESL classes here and at other churches are down. Dr. Meidlinger has lost his class completely for now but is willing to start up again when needed. Gerardo and Rolanda voiced concerns over how information about these classes is being handled. Sr. Laureana & Julia responded that there have been numerous announcements from the pulpit and notes in the bulletin. Gerardo suggested using the free Spanish TV station to help spread the word.

**MAINTENANCE REPORT:** Jim Farrar commented on his written report. Fire alarm covers seem to be working, no false alarms since they were installed. Jim suggested getting two more covers for the alarms in the office and the hall. Fr. Tom questioned whether all alarms were rigged to the fire department and Jim agreed to find out exactly which alarms indeed alerted the fire department. Fr. Tom mentioned that he had seen bats around the building but they don't seem to be getting inside anymore. There was discussion about the need for metal roll-down doors that would close off the parish offices from the hall during social events. Fr. Tom's concern is that the doors might impede evacuation. Fr. Tom would like to see TVs with VCR/DVDs mounted on the wall in every classroom so we can stop using the tall TV carts we have now. Fundraiser committee will be asked to help in this regard. The Fire Marshall will conduct an inspection in March and several items need to be addressed before this takes place as mentioned in Jim's report.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**CHRISTMAS DINNER:** Fr. Tom reported that the dinner was a complete success with people of varying ethnic backgrounds coming together for a good time. The food was wonderful, Santa was great and the piñata lots of fun.

**CLARETIAN FARE THEE WELL:** Sue Frey was not present but had submitted a written report. Tentative dates for this event are in May. This committee will meet again.

**HALL REPORT TASK FORCE:** Jim Farrar commented on the various changes to the rate chart and this resulted in a lengthy discussion concerning deposits, cleaning, a booking "manager" and their responsibilities, translation, kitchen use, broken chairs, checklist, etc. Jim agreed to reconvene with the committee to discuss the issues raised. Rolanda will be joining this committee to replace Marshall.

BY-LAWS TASK FORCE: Bob commented on the highlighted areas of the written report. Changes were made to bring the parish by-laws in line with those of the diocese. Once the new pastor arrives, a pastoral plan (long range strategic plan) will be discussed. Julia offered to translate by-laws.

STEWARDSHIP FAIR COMMITTEE: This committee will consist of Julia, Larry, Gerardo, Bob, Jim Francka and Michael Seigismund.

#### NEW BUSINESS

LELA PAGE SCHOLARSHIP: Rose would like to hold a meeting with parishioners concerning Springfield Catholic Schools and the Lela Page Scholarship soon as registration for next fall is in the spring. Fr. Tom suggested a meeting during PSR classes as most parents will be in the hall during that time. Rose will find out which Sunday in February will work best. Announcements in the bulletin and from the pulpit will begin once a date is set. Rolanda pointed out that non-english speaking parents are the ones that need to be reached but meeting will be open to all.

#### GOOD OF THE ORDER

Fr. Tom reminded parish council of the upcoming ordination of Ferdinand of Nigeria, which will be held March 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at CCM. A reception will follow and all are invited.

Fr. Tom also mentioned that he's been approached about parishioners "bailing" from Sacred Heart. This might be due to the changes people fear from the Claretians leaving and having a diocesan priest. Some people are choosing to attend parishes closer to their homes. Fr. Tom asked parish council members to help reassure parishioners when hearing these concerns.

Sr. Laureana mentioned that while St. Joseph is undergoing construction, they have asked to use our hall on Monday mornings for their elderly exercise classes. There's a possibility that this class will be open to our parishioners.

Julia asked parish council to consider helping fund her attendance at a conference in Kansas City concerning Fr. Tom asked Julia to write up a proposal.

Meeting adjourned 7:45pm.