

## Sacred Heart Church Parish Council Minutes-March 9, 2009

1. The meeting was opened with a prayer led by Fr. Tom at 6:05 p.m.  
Members in attendance were: Rose Leyva, Julia Valdes, Panfilio Garcia, Fr. Joshy, Howard Pohl, Rolanda, Gerardo Prieto, Michael Siegismund, Bob Horton, Jim Francka, Karen Latham & Sue Frey.
2. Minutes from the Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> meeting were reviewed and accepted with the following correction: the following will be added to the unfinished sentence under Stewardship Fair “help involve those coming into the church through RCIA.” Gerardo made a motion to accept the minutes & Julia 2<sup>nd</sup>.
3. March Committee Reports:
  - a. Finance: Howard Pohl. Reported Christmas donations were up as well as other income like The Building Fund. Under the budgeted line item “Hispanic Ministry”, we will probably not realize the total money. Payroll taxes are being straightened out. Any line item that is 10% over or under the budgeted figure will be explained to the Finance Committee. Office hourly salaries are under controlled. Howard is working on expanding numbers of line items to give a better understanding of what is included
  - b. Evangelization: Bob Horton reported that a meeting was held at Sacred Heart for “Neighborhood Watch. There will be a picnic in the park in April or May for Neighborhood Watch.
  - c. Christian Service. The Heart to Heart Women’s group is co chaired by Dee Pohl and Ethel Breighthaupt this year. Report provided & attached My Brother’s Keeper program was discussed by Council, and explained to those not familiar with the program. Report was provided & attached.  
Ethel B. began this idea a number of years ago. Parish families commit to bringing non-perishable food items or toiletries to Sacred Heart once a week or once a month. Other parishioners sign up to deliver the items to the Kitchen for a month. Council felt that with the state of the economy, we may need to a little more publicity and explanation of this program. We will encourage people to bring items to meetings, parties, Soup & Stations, PSR. Sue will ask Ethel to visit with Bob about the program. Bob will write a script and it will be presented at all Masses the week end of March 15. Bob will speak at the 4:00, Rose at the 9:30, Panfilio at the 6:00. There was also a short discussion on The Kitchen—what services do they provide and to whom. Bob will try to have a speaker at our next meeting from The Kitchen.
4. Old Business:
  - a. Claretian Farewell—report provided & attached.
  - b. Stewardship Fair :Christine Bynum has volunteered to chair this event. Sue Frey has volunteered to help if needed
  - c. Meeting for Springfield Catholic Schools: Rose Leyva reported that the meeting was well attended. Marilyn Batson, principal of St. Joseph school and Sacred Heart parishioner, was there. Rose has the names of 8 families interested in more information. It was a good meeting—questions answered and information shared.
5. New Business:
  - a. Appointment of Nominating Committee: Bob appointed Julia, Karen, Steve & Rolanda to be the Nominating & Election Committee for Parish Council elections. There will be 2 people from each Mass to find nominees. Elections will take place before September. Bob will contact Steve about his appointment
  - b. Birthday Party: Report provided & attached.

- c. Why Catholic: We have 24 English speaking parishioners & 30 Spanish speaking parishioners still attending the sessions
- d. Outdoor Rosary stones. Julia reported we need 61 pieces. Council will do the rosary center, the cross –we should bring stones from home. Other committees will be invited in the following way:  
 20 PSR & RCIA/ 3 Parish Council/ 5 Heart to Heart/ 5 Hispanic  
 5 FundRaiser/ 8 Choirs/ 5 Staff/ 2 Why Catholic/ 2 Why Catholic/ 2 Why Catholic  
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6. Pastor's Report The ordination of Fr. Ferdinand went well. Sacred Heart was well represented by attendance, numbers of cookies donated and people who worked the meal and the reception. The Bishop was very happy. Sacred Heart also provided cookies for CCM Awakening retreat. CCM held a "Coffee Night" and Sacred Heart parishioners attended.
- Ash Wednesday was good at Sacred Heart liturgies as well as CCM and OTC. Sacred Heart's Soup & Stations is also being well attended.
- Fr. Tom reported that he did speak with Milagros Calvetti about the sacraments of Initiation. She feels they should not be abbreviated—we do not have migrant farming families in our parish.
- Fr. Tom also reported that Sr. Laureanna was in a bad car accident two months ago and is having difficulty keeping up with the demands of the job at Sacred Heart. She will be stepping down sometime this summer. Fr. Tom will submit the job description to the diocese to see if there is a bilingual sister available.
- After a discussion on who will bring what for Parish Council's Soup & Stations the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Submitted by Sue Frey