

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Parish Council Minutes-August 17, 2009

Members present: Gerardo Prieto, Eric Olson, Karen Latham, Jim Farrar, Larry Beuerlein, Jesus Ferrer, Jim Francka, Fr. Daniel, Rose Leyva, Panfilo Garcia, Steve Michael, Julia Valdes, Howard Pohl, Sue Frey.

1. The meeting was opened at 6:08 by co-chair Jim Francka.
Panfilo Garcia led the Council in prayer.
2. July minutes were passed out and reviewed. Motion was made by Jim Farrar to accept the minutes as presented. Larry Beuerlein 2nd the motion. All approved
3. August Committee Reports
 - A. Youth Report: no report given. Sue Frey mentioned to Fr. Daniel that the Youth representative needed to be appointed. Michael Siegismund was a one-year appointment and he has graduated from high school.
 - B. Christian Service: No report. We have no official chair of Christian Service. Sue suggested that could be an appointment Fr. Daniel made for Council.
 - C. Maintenance Report: Report attached. Jim Farrar reported the new Hall doors were being stained at his house and asked for volunteers to paint the doorframes in the Hall. Jesus & Panfilo agreed to take care of the project. The paint is in the closet across from Karen Latham's classroom. The report indicated that Critter Control had addressed a new bat entry, and the roof on Hope House had been replaced through insurance money. Jim also announced this was his last official meeting as chair of Maintenance. He must dedicate his time to the deaconate program. He will stay involved, but feels the committee of Larry Beuerlein, Jim Francka, and Chris Farrar will take care of any problems that arise. Jim Farrar will stay involved but not in a leadership role. He is happy to "consult". Council takes this opportunity to tell Jim "THANK YOU" for many accomplishments...his service to Sacred Heart and his giving of 'vacation days' for the good of the parish, is noted and appreciated.
4. Introductions: Jim Farrar suggested we each introduce ourselves to Fr. Daniel. Fr. Daniel promises to do his best to learn who we are and said he will be counting on Council members to advise him.
5. Old Business:
 - A. Parish July 26th Celebration: Tom Kaufman was not present to report, but it was agreed it was a wonderful celebration with great food. Tony Garcia and Avanzare donated delicious food—and the salads and desserts from parishioners were delicious. Many thanks to all involved.
 - B. Financial Report to Diocese. Howard did not realize he was to give the report this night. The year 2008-2009 shows us in the black. The budget for 2009-10 shows us in the red due to a decrease in parish giving and the withdrawal of the Claretians. The Finance Committee is drafting a letter to be sent to each parishioner along with the end of the year report figures.
6. New Business:
 - A. September Evening of Reflection: Sue explained this evening to Fr. Daniel. Fr. Daniel will take care of the presentation & Sue & Jim Farrar will take care of the meal. We will meet at our regular time on Monday Sept 14th at 6:00. Dinner will be from 6:00 to 6:45 pm and the presentation will be from 7:00 to 8:30 with a 15-minute break.
 - B. Parish Council Officer elections: Sue explained that in accordance with the bylaws, the officers would be elected from the elected members of Council. It was also mentioned that several Council members were appointed only for one year. Fr. Daniel will review the vacant appointments. Fr. Daniel asked Karen Latham to continue as School Board Rep. for another year.... Karen agreed

- C. Key Record: Larry Beuerlein asked that there be an updated accurate record of who has what keys to the Sacred Heart plant. Fr. Daniel agreed this was needed. Fr. Daniel will work to make this happen. Jim Farrar asked that each member of the Maint. Committee be given the following keys:
- Master Key,
 - Key to the Church,
 - Key to the vesting sacristy
 - Hex key to lock & unlock doors
- D. Hall Doors locked on Sunday Morning: Eric Olson shared that there is quite a line to use the bathroom on Sunday mornings and asked if the Hall doors could be unlocked so people could access the rest rooms in the Hall. It was noted that the doors are unlocked during PSR. For safety reasons they are not left unlocked during the summer. Several solutions will be tried. Sue will send a letter to all ushers asking them to tell people they can get to the Hall through the door by the choir; Sue will ask Dee to make a sign to put on the church restroom saying the same; Fr. Daniel will unlock the door to the Hall for use before Mass and lock the door before Mass begins
- E. Public School Information: Rose Leyva asked if she could make papers available to the parish on public school information. Fr. Daniel granted the request. Rose will put the papers in the Gathering Space.

7. Good of The Order: Fr. Daniel shared some thoughts on being at Sacred Heart. “It is my time now to continue the work of the Council and my fellow priests...we will work together for the good of the community. I will try to do my best. My vows are not just with the Bishop...they are with God. I will listen to you...Do not let me become lazy...It is very important for Council members to clarify our thoughts and ask questions if we do not understand something...” “The rectory needs a lot of repairs. Step by step we will do it. Do we have money to fix the rectory?” Howard replied “not as the budget stands.” Fr. Daniel said that at the moment he does not have a phone line, cell phone or TV. Steve Michael commented that the first thing we need to do is get Fr. Daniel a cell phone so he can be in touch with the parish and the parish with him.

Fr. Daniel has reviewed the applications for a Hispanic Minister. He has met with one candidate, Sr. Sandra Straub. She has asked that “the package” be sent to her. Howard has done this. She asked Fr. Daniel what was most important in this job...he said “build community”. If Sr. Sandra accepts the job, Fr. Daniel has suggested she come to Springfield to meet with the committee formed under Fr. Tom McGann. Sr. Sandra has asked if there is money available to move her things from St. Louis. Larry Beuerlein said he has a trailer and he would be willing to help move her things. If all things work out, Sr. Sandra would be able to start at Sacred Heart at the end of September 2009.

Adjourn: Larry Beuerlein motioned to Adjourn at 8:50 p.m. Fr. Daniel led us in a closing prayer.

Next meeting is Night of Reflection. Sept 14th at 6:00 pm.
Submitted by Sue Frey