

**Present:** Fr. Swamy, Bill Lawrence, Cheryl Meger, Jackie Evans, Terry Evans, Shirley Schultz, Ev Stransky, and Deacon Scot Berkley.

**Call to Order & Prayer:** Meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm by Jackie Evans, Council Chair. Fr. Swamy led the group in praying the Our Father.

**Agenda Approval:** Agenda was reviewed and approved.

**Review and approve minutes from March 12, 2023, meeting:** Motion was made by Shirley Schultz to approve the minutes as written. Deacon Scot Berkley seconded the motion and all approved.

**Pastor's Report:**

- Surprise news of Fr. Swamy's reassignment to Mapleton, Vernon Center, Good Thunder and Waldorf (was shared with parishioners at mass the previous weekend). Sadly, June 30, 2023 will be his last day with us at Sacred Heart. Msgr. Tom Cook has been assigned as the next pastor of Sacred Heart.
- June 4 Baccalaureate will be celebrated at the 10 AM mass.
- June 10 is the Eucharistic Congress: This is my Body. All Saturday masses in the diocese are cancelled to allow participants to attend the Congress, except for a select few parishes. St. Augustine's in Austin is the nearest parish celebrating mass on Saturday, June 10 @ 4:30 PM. At present 3,400 are signed up for the Eucharistic Congress, with the Bishop hoping to have 5,000 in attendance.

**Old Business:**

- Canopy Update - Bruce Louks, parishioner in attendance, and representative of the Building and Grounds Committee provided an update and answered questions for the Pastoral Council. He provided a handout addressing each of Fr. Swamy's eight requests:
  - Clear communication and education of when and how to use the drive thru
  - Mitigation of any of the safety concerns (real or perceived)
  - Appropriate signage
  - Address flow of foot traffic to the entrance
  - Provide barricades needed to protect equipment
  - Maintain or enhance the Shrine, while also widening the drive-up entrance
  - Resolve any other issues with snow removal, garbage collection, etc.
  - Determine how this will be paid for and secure donations prior to start

Additionally, a diagram of the proposed construction was provided. Bruce reported that the project is an ever-changing, evolving situation and he is very open to input. If all concerns are addressed, the timeframe for beginning the project is as soon as school is out for the summer.

- Tabernacle Campaign – This is set to ship within four weeks, so is anticipated to be in place mid-June.
- Follow-up on the celebration of Fr. Swamy's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination – May 3, 2023. Fr. Swamy expressed his appreciation for all in attendance.
- Parish Picnic – Date is determined as September 10, 2023. It will be a potluck, with the church providing the main food. Pastoral Council members are asked to recruit parishioners to help and in particular if we can find a chairperson for the event. We will eat inside and continue to have small games for kids, along with the playground.

**New Business:** None

**Next Meeting:** July 18, 2023 @ 5:30 pm.

**Agenda Planning for Next Meeting:**

- Update: Canopy Progress
- Update: Tabernacle and other items
- Update: Transition of priests
- Update: Parish Picnic Planning

**Meeting Adjourned:** By Jackie Evans 6:22 PM. Closing prayer by Fr. Swamy.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl Ann Meger, Secretary