

Pastoral Council Meeting Agenda and Minutes  
Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Parish Center

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes September 19, 2023

- Present: Msgr. Cook, Jackie Evans, Terry Evans, Bill Lawrence, Ray Bissen, Shirley Schultz, Ev Stransky, Deacon Scot Berkley and Sandy Strand, by phone.

Call to Order Meeting was called to order at 5:36 pm by Jackie Evans, Council Chair.

Agenda: MSA (motion, seconded, approved)

Welcome to Msgr. Cook

Opening Prayer led by Msgr. Cook.

Introductions of all members present.

Review and approve minutes from July 18, 2023 (attached) Review and approve as corrected attached minutes from July 18, 2023, meeting: motion to approve by Bill Lawrence and seconded by Deacon Scot Berkley. All approved.

Pastor's Report –

- The diocesan phase was completed at the Eucharistic Congress in Mankato. The second year of the Eucharistic Revival is at the parish level.
  - Focus on inviting people back to mass.
  - May look at options to bring people back.
  - Possibly hold another class for parish on the mass and Eucharist.
- Great parish and good things are happening.
- Msgr. Cook will be at St. Mary's on Wednesdays to visit with the kids in their classes. Over 2 weeks will have met with all classes.
- Fr. Parrott attended the deanery meeting.
- Msgr. Cook attended the first training meeting for Sacred Heart Catholic Church to be a teaching parish for St. Paul Seminary seminarian Gabe Rysavy, who will be with us this year on weekends, for an immersion in parish life, the mass, and involvement with the sick and homebound. A committee will be formed to provide feedback on the seminarian's growth.

Old Business

Follow up: Parish Picnic Planning

- The Picnic was well attended.
- Some came only for the Meet the Priests and Meet the Parish game organized by Cheryl Meger that was very well received. Comments included the responses from the priests in Spanish and English.
- There was a wide variety of plentiful food for the picnic, well organized by Jackie Evans.
- Suggestions for next year:
  - Start with picnic at 12.
  - Possible mass time change
  - Mass in Spanish and English
  - Bilingual mass at 10:30, Picnic at 11:30 and extension of Meet the Priests and Parish game/games/activities at 12:30
    - Discussions on history of picnic; possibility of a fall festival; school, REP, and church connection; outreach to young families; options

for food and activity speaker, panels, high schoolers, ex. \_\_\_\_\_  
Haggerty and connect with speech teacher for recommendations.

Follow up: Canopy Usage

- Building and grounds committee has received positive feedback regarding the canopy and usage.

Update: Kitchen stove. Hood and stove are expected to arrive next week.

Discussed hymn board and possibility of announcing hymns as well and inviting congregation to join in singing the hymn. Installed in late 2020. Bob Seykora may have paid for it.

- Other

## New Business

Discussed renewing of worship aids

Education

Movie

Educational moments

Annual meeting is November 12 at 3 PM 1-1.5 hours.

- 20 minutes - intro
- 20 minutes speaker and presentation
- 20 minutes Q and A
- Last meeting had approximately 75 participants. Review of 2023 budget, Proposed 2024 budget,
- Serve refreshments as in the past, coffee, and cookies?
- Soup?

A Welcoming committee is not currently in existence. A parishioner does reach out to new members. It is important to have accompaniment through the registration process.

- A Welcoming committee could invite parishioners to annual picnic and activities.

Discussed quarterly activities or meetings such as

- Potluck
- Soup meal after stations
- Fish fries at KC's
- REP meal
- Bring church and community calendars to schedule events.
- Knight of Knights Auction in April
- Hold first event in 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2024.

Next Meeting Date/Time: November 21, 2023, 5:30 PM

- Closing Prayer led by Msgr. Cook
- Adjourn Meeting 6:48 PM