**Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish**

**Pastoral Council Minutes**

**Monday, October 14, 2019**

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| X Fr. Arul Ponnaiyan, Pastor | E Dennis Wojtecki, Prayer & Worship Liaison |
| X Dick Buschmann, Chairperson | X John Kramer, Stewardship Liaison |
| E Jamie Grunewald, Vice Chairperson | X Jean Jablonowski, Human Concerns Liaison |
| X Lisa Gilvary, Secretary | X Kate LaGosh, Christian Formation Liaison |
| X Kathryn Crumpton, Trustee Treasurer | X Lynn Molitor, Trustee Secretary |

**Attendees:** X - Present, E - Excused, A - Absent

**Opening Prayer**

Kate LaGosh provided the opening prayer.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from the Pastoral Council meeting of August 12, 2019 were approved as written.

**Pastoral Council Formation**

Council members shared their reflections on the types of opportunities we could make available to parishioners to deepen their relationship with Jesus, and to extend to the neighborhoods and people beyond the parish.

For discussion at the next council meeting, members will read Chapter 8, “The Church As Mission,” in the Pastoral Council Manual.

**Fr. Arul’s Comments/Administrative Items**

Pastoral Council members are asked to be present at the Sunday Mass on December 1 and the Saturday evening Mass on December 7 to be formally introduced to the congregation and to receive a blessing.

Council members discussed having our photographs and brief biographies added to the parish website. Lynn Molitor will discuss this with Lisa Heideman, who is responsible for the website. Lisa Gilvary will talk with Lisa H. about posting Council minutes on the website as well.

A job opening has been posted for a Facilities Director for Sacred Heart, St. Paul, Immaculate Conception and St. Augustine parishes. Several members of the Finance Council have raised concerns about whether this position is affordable. Fr. Arul wil be talking with the building and grounds committee to assess the need for a facilities director.

Fr. Arul, Eric Stemwell and the parish trustees had a productive meeting with the owners of the apartment building, and some issues were resolved.

Sue Edson will retire as parish secretary on Oct. 31. Thank you Sue for your service to our parish!

Council and staff retreat: Fr. Arul invited the SHJ and St. Paul councils and staff to a morning of recollection on Saturday, Nov. 16 at St. Francis Seminary.

**New Business:**

Dick attended the Deanery meeting for district 15. Items discussed included the Mass on Nov. 21 to mark the end of the yearlong commemoration of the 175th anniversary of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee; and religious education programs in the district. Some parishes are adapting their religious ed. programs to elicit more participation from parents.

**Finance Council Report**

* As of the meeting time, the budget for 2019-20 was not finalized. The parish has received an extension of the deadline from the Archdiocese.
* The parish ended the 2019 fiscal year in the red by a little less than $1,000.

**Commission Reports**

Commission reports were submitted and are available for review.

Kate LaGosh, liaison to the Christian Formation Commission, asked if the council had any objection to holding formation events on Saturdays before the evening Mass. No objections were raised.

The Council and Fr. Arul also agreed to proceed with the showing of the movie “Paris to Pittsburgh”

as recommended by the CF commission.

**Open to All**

No additional items were discussed.

**Next Council Meeting**

The next Parish Council meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, December 9, 2019 at the Parish House. Jean Jablonowski will provide the opening prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Gilvary