

Sacred Heart Parish Council Meeting 25 January 2023 / Time 5:30 PM

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New Business

1. Father Elder called the meeting to order at 5:30PM and led us in prayer.
2. Father asked council members about November 30th Meeting Minutes and Jay motioned to accept Minutes as written, Carol 2nd motion and all members were in favor.
3. Father Elder then introduced new council members and went around the table and asked them to comment on their particular community. Father also added that the older council members are in 2nd year of 2-year term that will end this year.
4. Betty welcomed the new members and spoke about the upcoming parish calendar events on the handout. Betty also gave the council an update on the status of our Bingo night permit with the city and that we should hear back any day now. Carol and Dorothy added that they would also like to add Bingo as an event for the over 55 community once it is approved by the city of Palm Desert.
5. Dorothy told the council that the senior event at the Classic Club Bellatrix Restaurant went well but not as well attended as they had hoped but with 2 tables of 8, each member got to know the each other a little better.
6. Angela spoke about the school and thanked Sacred Heart for emphasizing the car ticket sales after mass. Angela also added that open enrollment starts next week and told the council that the Carmelite Sisters held an event to help parents that were preparing for Confirmation with their children.
7. Jon Kim spoke about the Latin Mass schedule and asked Father for updates about the new priest and if it could be held at 2:00pm instead of 2:30. Father Elder added that the Pope will be making an announcement about Latin mass in the coming months.
8. Father Elder asked Ferdinand about any comments from the Filipino community and thanked him for representing it on the council.
9. Jay spoke about the DDF at Christ of the Desert and that they have been preparing for the last 3 weeks and have already collected \$3,000. Jay also added that he has been preparing the weekly Bulletin for Christ of the Desert and has been including a highlight of a parishioner each month to the Bulletin as well as including Sacred Heart events. The Bulletin is currently 12 pages and asked members to contribute content by Wednesday if they want it included in Bulletin.
10. Father informed the council that Debbie Kotas has resigned and is serving on the RCIA staff which meets at the same time.
11. Father Elder told the council that the DDF Drive starts this week and that its raises money for Seminary tuition, land acquisitions and the Pastoral centers, etc. The Sacred Heart

Assessment is the highest in the Diocese at \$250,000. Father will be announcing the DDF Drive at this weekend's masses and that parishioners will be seeing a thermometer for the progress around the church.

12. Father spoke about the upcoming Tabernacle project that would move the Tabernacle to the Alter and create a new Baptismal font where the current Tabernacle is located. Father stressed we are in the proposal stage of the project and that he will keep us informed as it progresses. Joseph asked about coming up on the Alter to pray in front of Tabernacle before mass and Father assured us that everyone is welcome on the Alter before mass to pray at the Tabernacle.
13. Father added that everything collected over \$250,000 for the DDF stays with Sacred Heart and could be used for this project and others and that last year's overage was used to buy new hymnals which will be distributed in the coming weeks. Father also informed the council that the old hymnals will be going to less fortunate churches in the Diocese.
14. Father Elder talked about Baptisms at Sacred Heart and that about 50% of them are from non-parishioners on Saturdays throughout the year except during Lent.
15. Angela told the council that she felt energized by the agenda and that she feels that moving the Tabernacle to the Alter will give energy to the parishioners as well.
16. Betty suggested that we could divide the \$250,000 owed to the DDF Fund by the number of registered parishioners to get a dollar figure per parishioner to make the amount seem easier to reach, we currently have around 6,000 registered families.
17. Father Elder adjourned the meeting at 6:20PM and led us in prayer.

Allen Langenbahn / Meeting Recorder