

Sacred Heart Parish Council Meeting 19 April 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. Jay motioned that the 03-08-2023 Meeting Minutes be approved, Angela 2nded the motion and all were in favor.
3. Father spoke about the Florene house and told the council that we have made no more offers and the house burned down about 10 days ago with no insurance on the property. The family countered at \$350,000 and Sacred Heart declined the counter. Betty spoke with the city of Palm Desert about environmental concerns and code enforcement has given the family 30 days to clean up the property.
4. Father stated the Easter week and services went well with the exception of the last confessions before Easter which ended up with extremely long lines. Father stressed that we add more clergy next year to help this situation. Father said all Easter masses were full and Jay added that Christ of the Desert had 225 attend there, which is at capacity with standing room only.
5. Betty added that she received 1 complaint about not being able to get in do to over crowding and asked father if we could request additional help from the Knight of Columbus and to add parking attendants to the Easter Masses next year, 1 Shuttle in front lot & 1 in back lot, Father agreed.
6. Karla asked about moving the Liturgical Candle to a new location so it does not block the camera on Father and the Lectors at the ambo during the live streaming, Father agreed and said we could move it as needed and suggested it could be next to the processional cross.
7. Dorothy commented about the fact that her grandchildren attended mass for the 1st time this Easter season on Palm Sunday and kids are now attending mass in the Bay area. They had such a positive experience that they are continuing to attend Mass at home.
8. Carol spoke about the Passion play put on by the school kids and that she thought it was a very real and stirring performance and could tell that a lot of work went into the production. Annie suggested to have the mid-day performance open to the parish next year. Father agreed.
9. Father brought up the idea of adding a Columbarium Wall for the reception of Ashes and Urns and asked for input where we might put it. The construction costs run about \$97,000 but usually return about \$300,000 in donations. He asked the council to pray about it and consider options. There was discussion of the different areas that it could be installed. Joe suggested a subterranean construction, which would be unique to Sacred Heart.

10. Father and Betty spoke about a new CA law concerning Safe Environment Practices and that new Live Scan requirements will be needed for the Diocese which will now include anyone coming into contact with children; Ushers, Lectures, ministries, Knights of Columbus, etc. Betty added that the office is currently going through the list of volunteers that are already Live Scanned and these volunteers will not need to redo the process. The office is scheduling an onsite Live Scan event on May 20/21 to help facilitate the volunteers that will need to update their compliance. Betty stated that our school parent volunteers are already Live Scanned and will not need to be redone. Father noted that while this may be an inconvenience, if the Live Scan process saves even one child from harm than it is our obligation and worth any inconvenience to keep our children safe.
11. Father gave the council homework for the next month and would like comments on what is working well at the masses we attend and what needs work or could be improved upon which includes any parish events.
12. Dorothy & Carol asked for ideas for Senior events in the coming year and asked the council to email or call them with suggestions.
13. Jon asked about adding Latin mass servers and asked Father to make an announcement from the pulpit for volunteers and maybe ordering some new Cassocks of various sizes as some have gone missing in the past few months. Jon also asked about organizing a server training event on a few upcoming Saturdays, Father agreed with Jon.
14. Karla told everyone that our current DDF drive is at 72% and has updated the posters in the church, Father added that he would like to form a committee to help with the DDF and suggested the 2 speakers that have made a plea to the church already head the committee.
15. Angela told everyone that the school is full again with a waiting list for all grades and spoke about some of the upcoming school events.
16. Annie spoke about the synergy between the church and school and that parents like what is happening with the parish and school. Annie also asked about coming up with ideas to transition the 8th graders into LifeTeen so that those that go on to Palm Desert High stay involved in the parish. Annie told the council about the school's March Madness food drive with points being awarded for the collection of food items. Sacred Heart School collected and distributed 33,000 lbs. of food to hungry this year.
17. Father presented a template for the parish Council poster that is to be displayed in the back of the church and asked the council members without a photo to please submit one via email ASAP. Father then informed the council about an upcoming presentation for Pat Martin who served on the council from 2001 -2022. He will be receiving a Plaque commemorating his time & dedication to Sacred Heart in the near future as Father is working with the Family to surprise Pat at a mass he regularly attends.
18. Betty spoke about the Devine Mercy gift from an anonymous donor of 2,000 Rosaries which were been placed at the church exits for parishioners on Divine Mercy Sunday. Betty then informed the council that Father Tyler's final day at Sacred Heart will be May 15th and that Sunday May 7th he will celebrate the 9:30 and 12:30 masses with a farewell reception to follow in the Salta Center after each Mass.
19. Father Elder called the meeting to order and led us in prayer at 6:26 PM

Allen Langenbahn / Meeting Recorder