

## Sacred Heart Parish Council Meeting 8 March 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 Elder went around the table and ask everyone for comments from ministries and church activities. Jay spoke about Christ of the Desert meeting its DDF goal already and exceeding it by \$9,000. Christ of the Desert is using the additional funds for new Windows and landscaping around the church.
3. Karla informed the council that she is no longer in charge of Spanish Ministry and may be leaving the council in the near future . She also informed everyone that Spanish Ministry will be enacting the Passion on Good Friday with her team and that they are practicing at 2:00 PM after Sunday Mass leading up to Holy Thursday and Good Friday.
4. Angela told the council that enrollment for Sacred Heart school is at 630 and there will be a small waiting list for the school in the fall. She also mentioned that the Gala has sold 500 ticket which is down from years past but hoping for a great Gala and fundraising efforts.
5. Ferdinand spoke about Filipino community and offered his Architectural services for the upcoming Sanctuary modification. Father Elder thanked him and would very much appreciate his help.
6. Father Elder told everyone that the church is in need of remodeling in the near future with carpet and pews on the top of the list after the Sanctuary modifications.
7. Carol spoke about her health issues lately and assured everyone that she wants to continue with her senior activities and is actively trying to grow her team. She invited everyone for suggestions if any great ideas come to mind and to please contact her or Dorothy.
8. Danny told the council that Bingo is still on pause waiting for approval from the Palm Desert City Council. He also informed everyone that the Knights will be ushering the upcoming Penance service and that the Knights distributed wooden crosses to the kids and parents during their last Retreat.
9. Betty handed out the current list of Sacred Heart Events and briefly went over the list of upcoming events.
10. Father Elder spoke about the upcoming Lenten Dinners and that the cost will increase to \$15 per person do to the rising costs of putting on the dinners and told the council that the dinners were run at a loss in prior years and that at \$15 per person cost is a break even for the event.
11. Father Elder asked Karla to comment on the DDF progress and she informed everyone that we are at about 40% of our \$250,000 goal and that we are hoping to achieve that by June. Father added that we have a volunteer that is giving a 3 minute appeal at the upcoming

8:00 AM masses and asked everyone to look for volunteers who would be willing to appeal at the other masses during the weekends. Father then added that the DDF needs to be completed before the Sanctuary modification can begin.

12. Father Elder informed the council that the family of the woman who owns the Florene house next to the church property is offering it for sale at \$400,000. The Bishop's office is in charge of any property acquisitions and looked at the property which would need to be demolished leaving 1 wall for remodel and offered \$350,000. The negotiations are still ongoing but the hope is to use the property for ministries and/or storage etc. if we can come to an agreement. More details to follow.
13. Father Elder commented on the Latin Mass situation with the Holy Father not supporting Latin mass in the future leaving it to the bishops to decide for their parishes. Father explained that no new Latin masses will be allowed but existing Latin masses can continue in parishes that already have them established and that he has no plans to change that at Sacred Heart.
14. Father Elder told everyone that Father Tyler is coming to the end of his 3-year term at Sacred Heart and will be reassigned to another parish and that is the normal progression of things in the Diocese. Betty asked Father if we could honor Father Tyler after his last mass with a reception in the hall when we know his next assignment. Father Elder said he is hoping the Bishop will assign a Spanish speaking priest to the parish when Father Tyler is reassigned.
15. Father spoke about the Carmelite Sisters and the feedback has been wonderful during their time at Sacred Heart and that he will be speaking to their Mother Superior tomorrow via a Zoom call and will be requesting that nothing changes in the near future with their assignment to Sacred Heart.
16. Father Elder called the meeting to order at 6:35

Allen Langenbahn / Meeting Recorder