

**SHJ Pastoral Council Minutes**  
**Monday, October 22, 2007**  
**Taken by Tammy Sandoval**

**Attendance:**

Neil Schiffhauer, Sheryl Gardon, Father Bill, Michelle Anderson, Harold Wolfe, Jan Altevogt, Irene Bigot, Betty Hoover, Tammy Sandoval, David Vanbussum

**1. Opening Prayer led by Father Bill at 8:10am**

**2. Any Changes to September minutes - None**

**3. Report on Council Charter & Financial Status Publication – Neil**

The committee has met and they have a final version. Neil will email this out to everyone for review. If there are any comments, respond to Neil. Next meeting as part of the charter process, Father Bill suggested everyone on Pastoral Council sign and commit to them. The Financial Status publication has not been finalized at this time. The purpose is to be simple and get the information from something which already exists. Father Bill likes the format and categories of the bulletin of St. John the Baptist.

**4. Building Committee Update**

No Changes

**5. Finance Update – Harold Wolfe**

No Changes. Irene made comment regarding does the comment of six figures accurately reflect our Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish. Middle class givers, who tend to be more generous, also want to see specifics. Capital improvements fall in this category. Offertory – make this easy, using current technology would make it easy, using a credit card would be convenient – we need to make it easy - to increase the offerings. We are establishing a Stewardship committee to work on bringing more income to the church. Randy Middleton gave Father Bill a few ideas for immediate action. Contact people who are interested in tuning the business aspect of our parish right away. We need to ask our people for help and determine where we should channel the volunteers. We need to report on how many people volunteered and filled out the registration forms.

Offertory – should we change the way we give envelopes? However, envelopes are not making or breaking our offertory. However, our church is based on our commuter parishioners. How can we find ways for them to still give, whether they're physically at the church for weekly Mass or not?

We need to continue to pray for increased offertory. We are in the process of Re-registration to help update what we have in our system. At every Mass for the next few weeks, we need to let them know where we are at with enrollment. If people have not responded to new registration then set up a committee to call people who have contributed in the past if they have not re-registered, at the same time ask them if they would like to contribute. We need 20-30 people making phone calls. David will come up with a script for the people making the phone calls.

#### **6. School Updates – No updates**

#### **7. Ministry Updates – staff**

**Michelle** – Ministry fair – ran for two weekends, people purchased prayer books, a few people signed up, but it went well.

#### **8. Marketing Committee Updates – No updates**

#### **9. Lighting a Fire at SHJ – Father Bill**

Twilight Retreat – about 26 people attended. Ideas for small church communities, very compelling and well received.

#### **10. Action Item List - Neil**

Dave – There is no money for gym floor. If there is money we can proceed. If there are people to fund the gym floor we need to also make sure we are asking them to still contribute to the parish.

Neil – Claire advised that the gym floor is being cleaned twice a week with special cleaner. She also points out that the skin covering on the Junior High roof will have to be replaced next year to preclude deterioration of the roof structure.

Deborah Ardila indicates she will be willing to speak at the Masses to advise the parishioners of the need for financial support.

Jan – provided school updates for the website.

Michelle Byrne is going to help Harold with finances. Need volunteers, for inputting registration cards on the computer – Sheryl Gardon & Maribeth Vanhaute(?) have stepped up.

Script program – Melissa Haapala has offered to help. Susan Simpson has done this in the past. We need to find someone to drive it.

Dinner for New Families – it is one of the possible activities listed on the re-registration cards.

Taste of SHJ – We are going to do this again in 2008. January is the targeted month. Sheryl Gardon will recruit a go to person.

### **11. Closing Prayer – Father Bill**

The November meeting will be on the 26<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 AM in Jubilee Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 am.