

# Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish

## Minutes of Pastoral Council Meeting on March 14, 2009

Minutes recorded by Neil Schiffhauer

Attending: Michelle Anderson, Father Bill Breslin, James Cavanagh, Melissa Haapala, Pam Jackimiec, Joe Kubler, Tommy Lorden, Pat Palaich, Neil Schiffhauer, Betty Jancosek

The meeting was called to order by Father Bill at about 9:00 am.

Father Bill opened with a prayer, then reviewed section 3.10 of the Formation Workbook to review where the Pastoral Council was heading in this formation effort.

The minutes for the 2/21/09 and 2/24/09 meetings were approved.

The home assignments from the 2/24/09 meeting were reviewed, discussed and resolved into this “agreed-upon” Parish Mission Statement:

“Our parish purpose is to use our Faith, Hope and Charity to inspire and serve the world so that through us people will see that God is credible and present in our time.”

Our focus then turned to section 3 of the Formation Workbook to define our Parish Values and the Behaviors (section 3.4) that demonstrate each Value. We settled on the following four Values:

Value 1: **Catholic** – Open to all in keeping with the whole.

Definition: Accompanied by Christ, we are sent out by Him on a mission to the whole human race.

Behaviors:

1. We use all available means, including the latest technologies, to educate people about our Catholic Faith.
2. We celebrate and welcome all people.

Value 2: **Inspirational** – Living the truth in love. (Eph 4:15)

Definition: We are a joyous people of hope drawing all people close to Christ and His Church.

Behaviors:

1. The celebration of the Eucharist is celebrated in such a way as to draw people into a greater union with God.
2. We share our stories of Faith with each other.

3. We approach all challenges with the optimism that comes from Faith.

Value 3: **Service** – Equipping each other for every good work (2 Tim 3:17).

Definition: Jesus came among us to serve; we are to do the same.

Behaviors:

1. We actively form parishioners to discern their gifts in service to God and the community and to generously share those gifts.
2. The virtue of Charity will guide all our interpersonal relationships, decision making, and our actions.
3. We will create awareness of and engage in the Catholic teachings on Social Justice.
4. We publish a monthly evaluation of parish spending relative to parish mission and goals.

Value 4: **Faith- filled** – So that we know the Lord, love the Lord and serve the Lord together.

Definition: Having been given the gift of Faith in Baptism we live in a vital and personal relationship with the living and true God.

Behaviors:

1. We nourish our Faith through learning, prayer and participation in the Sacraments. As Saint Francis taught; we will proclaim the Gospel at all times, and if necessary use words.

The home assignments to be completed for the next meeting are to do section 3.6 “Capturing our Parish Mission” and think about sections 3.7 and 3.10.

The objective for the next meeting is to capture the Parish Mission and to plan how to engage all the various parish committees, groups and staff.

The next meeting will be on Monday 03/30/09 at 4:00 pm in the parish center conference room. The meeting will be concluded at 7:00 pm.

Father Bill closed the meeting at 4:10 pm with a prayer.