

Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish Minutes of Pastoral Council Meeting on 4/15/2009

Minutes recorded by Neil Schiffhauer

Attending: Father Bill Breslin, Melissa Haapala, Pat Palaich, Neil Schiffhauer, Betty Jancosek, James Cavanagh

The meeting was called to order by Father Bill at about 4:15 pm.

Father Bill opened with a prayer, then reviewed the upcoming session 5 of the Formation Workbook discussing sections 5.2 through 5.5 which we plan to complete during this meeting.

The single behavior under value 4 “Faith Filled” was re-formatted into the following two behaviors:

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

The “Parish Mission Statement” was changed to “Parish Purpose Statement”.

The Parish Mission Statement itself was changed from: “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.”

To: “Our parish purpose is to use our Baptismal gifts of 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.”

Sections 5.2 through 5.4 of the Pastoral Council Workbook were completed defining the following six “Top Priorities” for the Pastoral Council for the 2009 – 2010 budgets.

Top Vision Inspired Priorities

1. Effective evangelization.
2. Free tuition for all SHJ school students.

Top Problem Solving Priorities

1. Create competent and confident Catholics.
2. One SHJ parish: English – Spanish - Church – School.

Top Developmental (Organizational) Priorities

1. Harmonize parish processes with diocesan ‘Blue Book’ processes.
2. Improve facilities to be more conducive to Christian formation.

Began Section 5.5 by defining the “Key Responsibility Area” (KRA) for the Pastoral Council’s two ‘Top Vision Inspired Priorities’.

1. Effective evangelization – Review existing programs, assess parish needs and prioritize future direction to provide a permeating effective evangelization.
2. Free tuition for all SHJ school students – Determine annual cost and research models of success in ‘tuition free’ parishes. Identify next steps to achieve free tuition for all SHJ school students.

Father Miljenko Pavkovic introduced two of the lead Neo Catechumenal Way organizers to us and they proceeded to give us an understanding of what the ‘Way’ was about and their meeting schedule. They plan to meet each Monday and Thursday in the school cafeteria at 7:30 pm beginning May 11th and May 14th. All are invited to attend and learn about the ‘Way’.

For the next meeting Neil is to review ‘parish management/organization processes’ described in the current Archdiocese Pastoral Handbook.

The objectives for the next meeting are:

1. Complete Section 5.5 defining the KRAs for the remaining four ‘Top Priorities’ of the Pastoral Council.
2. Assign responsibilities for getting “buy-in” for the Parish Purpose, Values and Behaviors from all parish committees, staff and mission groups.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 04/29/09 at 4:00 pm in the parish center conference room. The meeting will be concluded at 6:30 pm.

Father Bill closed the meeting at 7:00 pm with a prayer.