

Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish

Minutes of Pastoral Council Meeting on 9/10/2009

Minutes recorded by Neil Schiffhauer

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

Father Bill opened the meeting with a prayer at about 8:15 am.

The minutes of the 6/12/09 Pastoral Council meeting were reviewed and approved after adding the change to the KRA for the 2nd of the Vision Inspired Priorities that Father Bill had suggested to the council members who agreed with it following that meeting.

The KRA for the 2nd of the Vision Inspired Priorities now reads:

“Determine annual cost and research models of success in ~~‘tuition free’~~ parishes funding of parish schools. Identify next steps to achieve ~~free tuition for all students~~ of greater accessibility for all SHJ parishioners.”

Michelle presented the following information relative to school funding and attendance:

- Fifty five students applied for scholarship assistance and forty-four were approved for varying amounts of assistance.
- In previous years the parish supported about \$50,000 of uncollected tuitions and last (2008-09) year that number is down to about \$13,000.
- School tuition is now being collected by a third party under contract with the parish.
- The Denver Archdiocese is pursuing the establishment of a fund to support parish schools in the Archdiocese.
- Prior to the next school year we will establish a workable procedure to handle tuition billing for families that do not meet the criteria for the Catholic Rate.
- School enrollment is currently at 320 students.

The Parish Master plan is being reviewed to prioritize the identified needs. Three items are considered to be at the top of the list:

- Acid washing of the inside and outside of the church brickwork.
- Replace the church carpeting.
- Parking lot maintenance.

Last year it was determined that the church chiller would have to be replaced because of its condition and age. That assessment was revisited and it was determined that with some inexpensive repairs (about \$3800) we could extend its useful life. Those repairs have been accomplished.

We didn't get to address Section 6.4 of the Pastoral Council workbook in this meeting as planned. That will be the principle objective of the next Council meeting. Also, the handout "Structure Effective Meetings" provided some time ago by Father Bill should be reviewed in preparation for the next meeting.

The next council meeting will be on Monday 10/5/09 from 8:00 am until 10:00am in the parish center Lea Dishner room.

Father Bill closed the meeting with a prayer at 9:05 am.