

# Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish

## Minutes of Pastoral Council Meeting on 10/5/2009

Minutes recorded by Neil Schiffhauer

Attending: Father Bill Breslin, Melissa Haapala, Pat Palaich, Neil Schiffhauer, Catalina Mendez, James Cavanagh, Betty Jancosek, Michelle Anderson, Tommy Lorden, Joe Kubler, Mary Bartsch

Father Bill opened the meeting with a prayer at about 8:10 am.

The minutes of the 9/10/09 Pastoral Council meeting were reviewed and approved after changing "Cleaning of the church ceiling and carpeting" to "Replace the church carpeting" in the 5<sup>th</sup> paragraph.

Michelle presented the following information relative to the Parish Stewardship Process for this autumn.

- Speakers for each of the Masses for October 11 through November 15 are mostly set and Michelle is confident about getting all the Masses covered.
- November 15 is Commitment Sunday.
- School enrollment is currently at 320 students.

Michelle presented the following relative to volunteer coverage for the parish ministries.

- Currently there are 387 volunteers taking part in the ministries.
- The Spanish community is very active in providing support across the parish.
- Two of the rooms on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the parish center have been structurally combined. Already, that space is being used for the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program.

Michelle presented the following relative to religious education.

- RCIA this year has 10 adults signed up for the program.
- The Spanish Catechesis Sunday program has about 300 participants signed up.
- The Confirmation ceremony this year will include both English and Spanish participants.
- The Breaking-Open-the-Word classes being held for the children during the 10:00 am Mass are going very well.
- About 12 teens and 8 volunteers are signed up for the Youth Group who will meet in the parish center. They will raise the funds necessary to support the program.

Our school principle Mary Bartsch presented the following relative to the school.

- Acclimating to the parish and school has been very positive and the SHJ school staff is excellent.
- A high priority objective is integrating the Spanish community into the school.
- She will be assisting Melissa Haapala on the Vision Inspired Priority:  
“Determine annual cost and research models of success in funding of parish schools. Identify next steps to achieve greater accessibility for all SHJ parishioners.”
- The 8<sup>th</sup> grade is raising funds for a trip to Washington, D.C.
- An ‘Open House’ for the school is being planned for October 20<sup>th</sup>.
- An October ‘Spookfest’ and Spanish Fiesta is being planned for Oct 25<sup>th</sup> in the school cafeteria.
- School enrollment is at 320 for K through 8 and the pre-school program enrollment is at 91.
- Entry into future kindergarten classes will require passing a test.

Father Bill announced that the Archdiocese will initiate meetings to determine how to spread the cost of supporting parish schools across the Archdiocese .

Subsequent Pastoral Council meetings will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month from 8:00 am until 10:00 am in the parish center Lea Dishner room.  
The next meeting then will be held on November 9<sup>th</sup>.

James Cavanagh was nominated and then approved by the attending council members to serve as Chairperson of the Pastoral Council for the next 1 year term.

Father Bill closed the meeting with a prayer at 9:00 am.