

**Sacred Heart of Jesus  
Pastoral Council  
Minutes  
11.14.11**

Fr. Bill, presiding

Members present: Catalina Menendez; James Cavanagh; Neil Schiffhauer; Pat Palaich  
Staff: Michelle Anderson; Mary Bartsch;

Fr. Bill opened with prayer.

Reviewed minutes from 10.10.11

Fr. Bill updated us on the implementation of the new translation of the Roman missal. He felt that it was going well and that most people were welcoming of the new translation. He is learning to chant more of the Mass and making good progress with Rhonda's help. The subject of adding a second Spanish Mass was brought forward from the previous meeting. It was decided not to add a second Mass at this time.

The subject of confirmation was discussed. It was suggested that confirmation classes run for two years instead of one, in both English and Spanish. Implementing a two year program, however, is unlikely at this time.

Fr. Bill and Michelle gave us an update on the building repairs currently underway. The discoloration of the bricks inside the church was determined to be nothing more the residue from humidity of thousands of people assembled for Mass over the years. The residue brush off easily. Other repairs include the roof and cupola; exterior brick work; painting the ceiling; replacing light bulbs and cleaning fans. Construction of a new choir area in the east transept will be completed during the week of Dec. 13-15. There was some discussion about restoring the terrazzo marble in the sanctuary (now covered with carpeting). That may or may not be feasible depending on how difficult it will be to remove the adhesive.

Catalina brought up the importance of training catechists and the need for more formation. The same is true on the English side. James will talk to Alfonso Lara at Centro San Juan Diego about the possibility of holding classes in Boulder.

Fr. Bill informed us that a new Pastoral Council will be appointed in January. He thanked the members present for their commitment and service. Members were asked to suggest names of individuals who might serve on the new Council.

We discussed the need for cleanliness in the church. The youth group recently spent a few hours removing old gum stuck underneath the pews. Cleanliness is an ongoing challenge. Ushers will be asked to straighten up the pews after Mass and parishioners will be asked to their part to keep the church as clean as possible. A friendly admonition is warranted.

Fr. Bill talked about how well SAC (school advisory committee) has been functioning. One idea that came up in a recent meeting was to plan a series of classes on the faith for school parents (open to anyone) called "SHJ After Dark". James will follow up with Mike Beson to develop this idea further.

James reported that he is planning to offer "A Quick Journey through the Bible" for school parents on Thursday morning at 8:15, starting Jan. 12. He'll work up a flyer and announcement for the school e-newsletter. There was discussion about offering classes between the 8:00 and 10:00 Mass on Sunday. James felt that the time was insufficient. Fr. Bill said that even a short class is worthwhile. Michelle reported that parents of children enrolled in the Thursday afternoon religious ed classes would be interested in something for them at that time. James said he'd be willing to help out.

Adjourned at 10:05 with prayer.