



Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Parish
150 Fleury Avenue
Prescott, AZ 86301

Pastoral Council Committee Meeting Minutes April 12, 2021
“Being the Living Example of God’s Love to Others”

Present: Fr. Raj, Jim Wren, Mike King, Henry Cromeek, Judy Carlisi, Mark Matthews, Greg Kozlowski, Margarita Arellano

Absent: Beth Luce

Guests: Kevin Keighron

Meeting called to order: The meeting was called to order by Mike King at 4:00pm

Opening Prayer: Led by Henry Cromeek

Approval of minutes: March 1, 2021 minutes approved

I Pastor’s Report: Fr. Raj

- A) **Greeting:** Welcome and thanks.
- B) **Social Gathering:** Suggestion for the Pastoral Council to meet once a month socially to allow for more interaction and team building. (See sharing section below for response)
- C) **Staff Retreat:** July 30, 2021 at the Parish. Pastoral Council members to be invited this year along with other council members. Invitations will be sent.
- D) **Holy Week:** Lots of activities and good attendance. Good participation is one of the goals. Teamwork and coordination seen.
- E) **Attendance at Masses:** Pre-covid daily Mass was approximately 120 people. With the pandemic the daily Mass numbers dropped to 35-40 people, Our present numbers for daily Mass attendance are about 55-60 people. The Parish wants to continue to be hospitable. The comfort level is increasing, and the parishioners feel safe with health guidelines.
- F) **Youth Ministry:** The Parish is looking for a full time youth minister and expecting that will be accomplished by the beginning of the next school year. Youth ministry is meeting in person with the present leaders from April 12 through Mid May.
- G) **CEA** - The school receives money through this tax incentive. April 21 at 9 am in the school gym there will be a presentation for corporations. Pastoral Council members are invited. Please look for an email.
- H) **Sacraments:** The Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation will be administered to school students and Catechesis of the Good Shepherd students on April 24, 2021.
- I) **Apostolic Exhortation on the Eucharist:** Please read and share. Be ready to discuss at the next Pastoral Council meeting. (Hard copies were distributed at the meeting)
- J) **Parish Directory:** This directory shares who we are as a Parish. We plan on updating and printing next year before the Sacred Heart Feast.
- K) **D5:** Disciples of Christ. Includes five staff and volunteers selected by the Pastor who will work together with a goal to grow deeper in Christian spirit in order to lead the parishioners as disciples.

II Parish Manager’s Report: Jim Wren

- A) **Youth Ministry:** Advertising is being done on the Diocesan website, as well as the Prescott Chamber of Commerce with the objective of looking locally first. Details are posted. The posting was also provided to the Governor’s Office of Youth, Faith and Family; however, they do no post jobs that are outside their organization.

- B) Holy Week:** All of the Masses were well attended including the Easter Vigil which was also well organized. Stations of the Cross at the Courthouse Square were held at noon on Good Friday and led by Jim Wren with the Knights of Columbus. There was a turnout of approximately 250 people including non-Catholics. There was no portable microphone this year. One of the participants came forward and offered to donate a loudspeaker system for next year.
- C) Parish Budget:** Information from the Diocese shows an increase of 3% in employee benefit costs. These costs as well as the cost of the parish directory will be added to the draft budget presented to the Finance Council on April 28. The budget will likely not be finalized until late May or June. Mike King, as Pastoral Council Chair and Corporation Secretary, will be briefed on the budget. Jim suggested that the chair of the Finance Council come to the Pastoral Council meeting in May or June to present the budget.
- D) Sacred Heart Feast Day:** June 11, 2021. To be celebrated with Mass followed by refreshments.
- E) Light of the World Retreat:** The retreat will be held June 12-13, 2021. The retreat will be held June 12-13, 2021 and is currently in the planning phase. In planning phases. Jim Wren will be the Main Evangelizer.
- F) Parish Directory:** This directory includes pictures of parishioners, parish history and ministry updates; parishioners may also have their family pictures taken. The last parish directory was done 10-12 years ago through Life Touch. Life Touch is no longer doing parish directories, so the parish is looking for a new vendor. A committee will be formed for the project and the Parish plans on covering the cost.
- G) Staff Retreat:** The retreat will be held Friday July 30 with registration at 8:30 am followed by 9:00 am Mass. Lunch will be provided. Clergy and staff will be doing the presentations on the theme "Hospitality."

III Old Business:

- A) Mission Visions and Values (MVV):** Values brought to life through sharing of Pastoral Council members. Greg shared the value of spirituality and Mark shared his experiences with service.
 - 1) MVV Action Plan:** Began in 2016. This plan involves direction and not speed. MVV is a subcommittee of the Pastoral Council. Start with prayer. Our actions as a parish display MVV principles.
 - a) Sharing - The objective was to discuss ways we can start introducing the values into the parish. Ideas included focusing on one value per month, having socials every month as an outreach to parishioners and having Pastoral council members help as greeters before Mass. Many shared they would be willing to meet monthly on a social basis to get to know each other.
- B) Pastoral Council Sharing on Easter Week:** Observations included how parishioners were distancing on their own. There was a good response to the Lenten Mission although it is hard to gauge the number since there was no online registration.

IV New Business: none

V – Summary and Announcements:

- A. Announcement:** Beth Luce has resigned from Pastoral Council. Martha Lamb will be joining the council next month.
- B. Fr. Raj - Action and Contemplation:** In all meetings there are those members who have strong feelings about both action and contemplation. The key is contemplation in action. It is important to consider our motives and consider values in our actions. Experience the love of God and then share that love.
- C. Next Meeting:** Monday May 3, 2021. It is possible this will have to be moved to the following Monday due to the Spring gathering of Clergy in Phoenix.

VI- Closing Prayer - Led by Henry Cromeek
VII- Meeting Adjourned 5:20 pm

Respectfully submitted by Judy Carlisi