



Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Parish

***150 Fleury Avenue
Prescott, AZ 86301***

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes Oct. 4, 2021

“Being the Living Example of God’s Love to Others”

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

Absent: none

Guests: Joyce Gatson, President of St. Vincent dePaul Sacred Heart Conference.
Husband, Mike Gatson.

Meeting called to order: 4pm

Opening Prayer: Led by Margarita Arellano

Approval of minutes: June 12, 2021

I Values and Behaviors Sharing: Mike King

Mike shared examples that he witnessed at Sacred Heart Church and school concerning Catholic Spirituality, Stewardship and Respect.

II Pastor’s Report: Fr. Raj -

- A. Staff Retreat -** Fr. Expressed gratitude for the participation of Pastoral council members at the Staff/Council member Retreat in July as well as the all councils dinner.
- B. October:** October is Rosary Month and also pro-life month.
- C. Ministries:** Last Saturday, Oct. 2, was a liturgy leader meeting. Certificates were given out to Eucharist Ministers. Please participate in these events as Pastoral Council members. Hope Fest was in Sept. Hospitality and being available to others will continue to grow. Fr. Raj expressed happiness to see the communication among ministry heads.

III Parish Manager’s Report: Jim Wren -

- A. Calendar of Events:** List of events for the remainder of 2021 were distributed.
See attachment A
- B. Hope Fest:** Estimated that approximately 100 people came by the Sacred Heart Parish table. Rosaries were passed out and Information was also available this year about the school. Information about resources were given to the homeless. Special thanks to John Gilwee who recruited some Knights of Columbus volunteers as well as Shelly Cooper, the principal at Sacred Heart Catholic School was also present at the table. Joyce Gatson recruited help from St. Vincent dePaul who was represented as a separate entity at the table. They made people who stopped by aware of their services and the assistance SVDP provides to the community. There were a number of people who indicated that they would call the number provided for an appointment to seek assistance. In addition, there were several people who indicated they were interested in joining SVDP to assist in their efforts.
- C. Outreach at Embry Riddle University:** Sacred Heart was represented on the day of the school orientation with information about the parish. The table was visited by 30 young men 3 of whom signed up for RCIA. Mass has resumed at Embry Riddle Sunday nights at 6pm.
- D. All Councils dinner:** Well received.

- E. Heritage Festival, Oct 23:** The Heritage Festival will include a new parishioner dinner, Thursday, a Living Rosary, Friday, the Festival on Saturday, and the weekend will close with the Feast Day of the founder St. Anthony Mary Claret. Please sign up at the church office to help with various tasks.
- F. Youth Ministry:** The youth ministry program kicked off in Sept and has been well attended.
- G. Security Issues:** The parish has had several homeless people living adjacent to or on the property. The city and police have been very helpful and supportive in providing guidance. Camera footage has been helpful in addressing these issues. Adorers coming in and out of the chapel have also been helpful in providing supervision.
- H. Ministry Fair:** The Ministry Fair will be a separate event from the Heritage Festival. There will not be formal tables set up to display ministries at the Festival.
- I. Staffing:** There is a new custodian, Peter Burbank from US Vets. There are vacancies at the school for a 5th grade job share position, as well as coverage for one of the middle school teachers. Ongoing substitute teachers are always needed. Please tell people about these positions if you think they may be interested.

III New Business:

- A. St. Vincent DePaul Sacred Heart Congress-** Joyce Gatson discussed the dedication of the volunteers working in this ministry and all of the resources that are provided to those in need: Payments for rent, utilities, phone, housing, and repairs. These services people must qualify for on a month to month basis. Food boxes are hand delivered weekly and food is never denied.
- B. Run by volunteers:** This ministry is 100% volunteer funded. They have been handling all of their own cleaning which has saved money. They even have a volunteer run IT for them. This ministry meets weekly in the Mt. Claret room. **Please see Attachment B**
- C. Thrift Store:** The St. Vincent dePaul Thrift Store is doing well and running in the black. There is some water damage from the rains which must be repaired. Repairs included new gutters on one wall, french drains, and also the cleaning of the carpet.
- D. Cooperative with outreach:** St. Vincent dePaul works with other churches when necessary to help provide for families that have ongoing needs. These situations must be approved by the conference.
- E. Catholic Charities:** Joyce made a summary comparison between what St. Vincent dePaul offers to the community and what Catholic Charities is doing in the community.

IV - Old Business: None

V – Summary and Announcements:

- A.** Future meetings will typically be on the first Monday of the month. Nov 1; Dec 6. Our Advent mission will be immediately after the December meeting. In January we may meet on a later Monday in the month due to the New Year holiday.
- B.** Fr Raj. thanked our guests for their input. He urged the council to consider, "What do we want to see at our parish in the next 5 years?" "What should we do to attain our dreams for the parish?"
- C.** Fr. Raj asked the council members that when we interact with new parishioners to ask them what they like about Sacred Heart.

VI - Meeting Adjourned - 5:05

Respectfully submitted by Judy Carlisi