

SACRED HEART PARISH
COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 21ST, 2007

PRESENT: Jose Ayala, Lisa Bock, Shirin DeSilva, Johna Dixon, Chuck Eminger, Father John, Carleen Herbert, Nancy Koester, Lynn Onstot, Noreen Pendergraft, and Paul Surgi

GUESTS: Finance Committee members; Chuck Granholm, Debbie Peterson, and William Roderique. David Oberley, bookkeeper, Charlie Surgi represented the Knights of Columbus, Lonnie O'Dell President of JACS, and Gene Koester Principal of McAuley

OPENING PRAYER: Father John reminded us that today is the Feast of St. Pius X and said the opening prayer.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: New officers were nominated and voted for. Carleen Herbert was elected President, Lynn Onstot was elected Vice-President, and Shirin DeSilva was elected Secretary

PARISH PICNIC: Johna Dixon has agreed to be the Chairperson for our annual picnic to be held Saturday Sept. 22nd starting with a 5 PM bilingual mass. The mass will be held outdoors weather permitting. Jose Ayala said he can get donations of tamales from the Alcanbaro restaurant. Maria's restaurant on 32nd street was also mentioned as a possible donation of food. Charlie Surgi said the Knights of Columbus will grill hamburgers and hot dogs, but they will need to know how much meat to buy. Carleen said the PCCW said they will do a cake walk if needed. Bingo was discussed but decided against because of gambling license needed. Pinatas were discussed and safety issues were cited. It was suggested we call Matt Sossamon for his Moonwalk and other outdoor entertainment.

OPEN DISCUSSION ABOUT PARISH: Father John said that we as a parish council need to follow the Guidelines given to us by the Diocese and work together with our priest to formulate a Pastoral Plan. Then we present our plans to the Finance Committee so they can make arrangements to fund the projects. Father asked that we go around the room and introduce ourselves and tell him our views about Sacred Heart Church.

An open discussion was shared by all members. Here are the comments.

I would like us to have an Hispanic Commission. This would help us bring the English and Hispanic communities together.

I would like us to find ways to overcome the language barrier.

I think the way we deal with issue here is sometimes a problem. I hope people can come to members of the council in confidence; this is a matter of issue management.

I think we have a strong community and spirituality.

I feel comfortable at Mass and I like the size of the parish.

A report on our monthly expenses. We need to average \$6000 a week.

This is a very friendly parish (comment made several times—it seems a strongly

held perception by the members of the councils)

We are blessed to have Eucharistic adoration here.

I like the atmosphere of a small parish. High marks for the youth group.

I have a concern about the music staying as good as it now is.

Why did the youth stop doing the Mass music?

I think we need to re-route the communion line.

*Me: a liturgical group—study and implementation.

I think we need more direct communication instead of talking behind the backs of others. I think we need to embrace the Hispanics more.

I am concerned that more Hispanics weren't at PSR for 1st reconciliation and 1st communion.

I believe that stewardship was not presented correctly. It sounded like it was only for Catholic school families.

We have volunteers who give 110%. I think we need to reach out to more people through stewardship.

I believe we have the best youth group in the area.

I believe we need to push Catholic schools.

This concluded our sharing time and we decided the next meeting will be Thursday September 20th, at 7:00. Father gave a closing prayer and the meeting was ended.