

**Sacred Heart Pastoral Council Meeting**  
**Tuesday November 29, 2011**

Members Present: Fr. Randy Schon, Sr. Rose Hacker, Deacon David Brown, Jeanne Lucas, Jan Putnam, Tom Venner, Kathy Becker, Tom Rose

Members Absent: Janelle Tungesvik

**Order of Business**

Fr. Schon opened the meeting with a prayer.

1. Approval of the Minutes – The minutes from October 25, 2011 were reviewed. Fr. Schon suggested changing the word “motioned” to “moved” in the approval statements. Jeanne Lucas moved approval with these corrections. David Brown seconded. Motion carried.
2. Future agendas – It was agreed that prior to the future meetings, Jeanne Lucas will send the agenda to Sr. Rose in addition to Fr. Schon and Denise.
3. Liturgy Committee
  - a. Committee report - Lucas indicated that the committee has not met yet
  - b. Advent Preparations – Sr. Rose and Fr. Schon
    - i. Decorations are up and pointed out Bob Clark’s addition to the decorations: The JOY sign in front of the church. The nativity part will not be added until Christmas.
    - ii. REC is doing a small faith sharing group.
    - iii. Choir is working on the Christmas concert.
    - iv. The Tree of Hope is now ‘bare’ – All donation needs slips have been picked by parishioners. The purchases should be returned to the church or office unwrapped.
    - v. There will be an ecumenical service for Habitat for Humanity, Sunday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>. at 7 p.m. at the high school.
    - vi. Reconciliation services will be held: Religious Education – Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> during class time and on December 18<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. in Boone and 3 p.m. in Madrid for the parish.
    - vii. Bethel Church is having its annual presentation of “Scrooge” the upcoming weekend.
  - c. New Missal changes – Fr. Randy is pleased with the choir’s and parish’s learning the new music for the new missal liturgy. Becker and Fr. Schon also commented that the speaker system is working well.
  - d. RCIA – Sr. Rose indicated that the Rite of Acceptance service will be held at 10:00 Mass on Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> for the RCIA inquirers and the Confirmation class.
4. Building and Grounds Committee – Tom Rose
  - a. Parish Office roof repairs - There appears to be no leaks in the Parish Office Building after the roof repairs. Wheaton should be delivering the hot water heater. The chimney will be removed by his crew when they have time.
  - b. Parish Clean-Up Day held – Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. And Sacred Heart School held a Community Service Day on November 11<sup>th</sup>.
  - c. School roof – Fr. Schon indicated that the roof has been replaced already. Venner asked about payment, and Father indicated that it was paid from money set aside for this project and also the building improvement fund.
5. Peace and Justice – Kathy Becker, David Brown
  - a. Meals from the Heartland – The event was a huge success. Becker mentioned that there was good coverage by the Boone News Republican.

- b. Homeless shelter – Crawford House
  - i. Opening – Fr. Schon went to the opening, as did Kathy. He indicated that the staff is putting together a list of needs which Denise will have. No clothes are needed.
  - ii. Board meeting – Becker attended the board meeting for the shelter. She indicated that since this is a new service, there are a few problems that the board needed to address, such a visitors’ protocol (especially for male visitors), meal preparation, etc. She said they are hoping to get 50 ‘pocket planners’ donated (often received in mailing) so clients can keep track of appointments. Also being discussed is initiating a ‘sponsor’ program, where an entity such as a parish, would support the financial needs for a specific time—weeks, month. Fr. Schon thanked Kathy for the time she has put in on these projects.
  - iii. Volunteer projects – There will be service opportunities for the shelter residents. Denise will be giving a presentation on budgeting for important purchases, such as food, etc. Becker said she’d like to volunteer as a ‘job coach’ to help residents gain employment.
- c. Salvation Army – Sr. Rose said that the coats and blankets collected by the parish have been given to the group. Also, the SA is in need of more bell ringers. Evidently in the past the Knights were called ahead of time.
- 6. Finance Committee – Putnam indicated that the school will be receiving some of the state subsidy for Pre-K. Fr. Schon had asked for input on the Stewardship mailing, which has now gone out. They will meet again on Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>.
- 7. Cemetery Board – Tom Rose indicated there was no report.
- 8. Other
  - a. Long Range Planning Committee – Putnam indicated that the subcommittees are currently meeting to work on goals and strategies. These are due to Putnam (chair) on Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>. The diocesan team will be coming to Sacred Heart on Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. This will be a large committee meeting in place of the committee traveling to Carroll. Putnam indicated that she feels the large committee needs to meet prior to that time. January 3<sup>rd</sup> was identified as a possible time. She will confirm later.
  - b. Prayer Night – Fr. Schon said there would be a night of prayer for life from 9:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m. on December 8<sup>th</sup>. This coincides with the ‘National Night of Prayer for Life’ and the Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.
  - c. K.C. Breakfast will be on Sunday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> after 8:00 Mass.
  - d. Festival of Hope – Sue Gradoville is involved with the Festival of Hope at Boone County Hospital, Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. The Hope Foundation was started by teachers to help the families of students whom they hear are in need. There will be silent auction for gift baskets which have been donated by churches, etc.
  - e. Fr. Schon will be teaching an ICN course for Briar Cliff University from Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> through March 6<sup>th</sup> in Algona.

### **Future Meetings**

There will be no December Pastoral Council meeting due to the holidays. Dates identified for 2012 are: January 17<sup>th</sup>, February 28<sup>th</sup>, and March 27<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jan Putnam for Janelle Tungesvik