

**Sacred Heart Pastoral Council**

August 28, 2018

St. Isidore Catholic Center

Approved Minutes

**Opening Prayer:** Led by Fr. Burkle.

**Attendance:** Fr. Burkle, Tom Thome, Steve Johnson, Annette Uker, Mark Ringhofer and Bob Clark.

Absent: Samantha Taets and Clarence Kruse.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Steve.

**Minutes of Previous Meetings, May 22 and June 25, 2018:** Tom made a motion to approve the minutes, Mark seconded the motion and they were approved.

**Capital Campaign Update:** Fr. Ray talked about the progress being made on the new church, which included the can lights that have been ordered and should arrive by the end of August; the installation of drywall in the meeting rooms and gathering area being approximately 90% complete; the installation of shingles and cap work possibly being complete; the installation of some windows and the continuing installation of brick. He talked about the drywall that will need to be installed on the ceiling and walls within the church after the can lights have been installed; the texture that will need to be installed on the outside walls after the brick work has been completed and mentioned the work needing to be done on the parking lot. Tom asked about the reinstallation of the church pews and Fr. Ray said we would probably need to bring them back to the church from storage, and the contractor would be responsible for reinstalling them.

Fr. Ray told us the trash bin will be located on the south side of the maintenance shed so it can be more easily accessed by waste management.

Annette told us that approximately \$1.4 million of the \$1.8 million pledged for the building of the new church has been received and the pledges are continuing to come in. Fr. Ray said Sacred Heart Church Parish also contributed \$750,000 toward this project. He said that he is working on a pledge progress chart which he will share with all when completed.

We talked about the completion of the new church project and Fr. Ray said he doesn't think it will be completed by Christmas but hopefully by the beginning of Lent.

**Finance Report:** Fr. Ray told us that overall our church contributions this fiscal year are down approximately \$40,000 from last year. We talked about the fact that we had not budgeted the approximately \$30,000 for a new organ or anything for tax increases. Fr. Ray said that he is going to work toward sending a letter to all parishioners which will list our church income and expenses for the year. This letter will also include the new church pledge information.

**Pastoral Minister Report:** Annette talked about the decorative bricks that had recently been installed, with approximately 146 of them containing memorials and/or names of parishioners. She said the purchase price of the pavers had paid for the installation of the bricks. She talked about making a list of parishioners wanting to purchase pavers in the future and placing an order, and installing them

whenever 10 to 15 names have been received. Fr. Ray also talked about possibly adding chairs, tables and flower pots to this area in the future.

**Fr. Burkle Report:** Fr. Ray talked about establishing a committee to organize fund raising for the new church. He suggested putting something in the church bulletin asking for volunteers to work on a fund-raising committee. He suggested they brainstorm about what type of fund raising events to have and how often to have these events. One thought he has is when the new church is completed, to invite the public to an open house along with having a free will offering supper.

Fr. Ray told us we need to be thinking about how to move into the new church for the first mass. Should we have a procession moving from the church hall into the church, etc.? How do we go about blessing the new church? Whenever we can see a light at the end of the tunnel and have a firm date for the completion of the new church, invite the Arch Bishop to attend for the blessing of the church.

Fr. Ray told us that Faith Formation Classes will begin on August 29, 2018.

Tom asked about new organ donation figures? Annette said that she has received donation figures from Karen Thome. Fr. Burkle said there may have been additional donations received.

**Old Business:** Earlier in the meeting, Mark asked about charging fees for the use of the church hall or gathering area? Fr. Ray told us that he has never enjoyed obtaining income from a funeral. We talked about there being no fee for lifelong church members and possibly establishing fees for non-church members wanting to use the hall and/or gathering area for funeral visitations, or meals. We discussed the need to have more discussion on this issue which should include putting together a list of total costs, along with a breakdown of those costs, for use of the gathering area and/or hall for funerals, weddings and other events.

**New Business:** Our next meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on October 30, 2018 at the St. Isidore Catholic Center in Osage.

Tom moved to adjourn at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Bob Clark, Secretary.