

## Joint Council Meeting

10/4/10 At Sacred Heart 6:00 pm

Present: Jennie Rudolf, Chris Smith, Joanne Johnson, Pete Peterson, Holly Billadau, Anne Pavlick, Jeannette Blouin, Holly Bilodeau, Fr. Francis, Luanne Sycks, Dean Garoutte, Guy LaFontaine, Jamie Richter, Katie Lowe, Toni Morrison, Wendy Navritil, Greg Smith, and Rosemary Ellis.

1. **Finance Councils Update:** Both financial councils discussing loaning money to St. Agnes from Sacred Heart. St. Agnes plans to pay on balance of \$264,000 down to \$230,000. Sacred Heart would pay off this balance of \$230,000 and St. Agnes will pay back \$5000 per month to Sacred Heart with a 3% interest rate and pay off in about 45-46 months. Sacred Heart would gain more money in interest than they currently are receiving. St. Agnes loan currently, 6% of interest with the Knights of Columbus lender. Next step include a proxy from the Bishop both trustees signing. Sacred Heart had received a house donation which has sold so they are financial ability to afford the loan. Motion by Anne, second Jennie, no discussion and motion carried.
2. **Summer mass schedules:** Diocese restructuring will be discussed at convention of priests, Fr. Francis will be finding out more regarding this in 2 weeks. The current count of parishioners attending masses continues and will help with planning. Mass time changes are necessary to allow priest time between masses to meet needs of parishioners especially at Sacred Heart the way mass is scheduled currently. Number of masses needed during winter months was discussed to only have one Saturday mass. Summer will always continue to be four masses between the two parishes.
  - a. **Winter Masses:** Concerns about winter mass at 8:00 am in Hackensack due to people driving in the dark for parishioners, concern about getting any later than 10:30 am may decrease attendance, discussed rotation of masses on Saturday would be confusing if you rotate every other Saturday between the parishes, fairness and decrease confusion is a goal, when does winter time schedule start. Ideas discuss for keeping the winter Saturday at 4:00 pm, communication of new changes, affecting our church calendars, mass cards for resorts and hotels, chamber of commerce, to keep less confusing would if certain 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday will be and 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> during Winter months November to April based on Day light savings time. November 1-April 31 Saturday masses will be held at 4:00 pm on 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the Month at St. Agnes and 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of the Month at Sacred Heart. These changes do not go into effect until November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011.
  - b. **Summer Masses:** Schedule discussed need hours between on Saturday and Sundays during the summers, concern regarding moving time back from 5:30 to

6:00 pm, suggested to start at 5:45pm at St. Agnes. Concern about St. Agnes parish having to do all the changes. 5:45 during the summer time at St. Agnes, due to church regulations mass times cannot start before 4:00 pm on a Saturday. Sacred Heart to change Sunday am mass to start at 8:00 am in summer instead of 8:30 am. (Clarification with Fr. Francis on 10/6/10 that summer changes will be effective on May 1, 2011.)

- c. Motion by Guy and second by Guy regarding above plans. Summer May 1<sup>st</sup>-October 31<sup>st</sup> Mass Saturday at 4pm at Sacred Heart and 5:45 pm at St. Agnes; Sundays 8 am at Sacred Heart and 10 am at St. Agnes beginning 11/1/11. Winter November 1-April 31<sup>st</sup> Saturdays at 4pm on 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month at St. Agnes and 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month at Sacred Heart. Discussion included that proposed changes should be given parish input regarding these proposed change and finalized by next joint parish council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.**
- 3. Fr. Francis Report: DRE hired Lori Westland going well. Office structure is being looked at planning.**
- 4. Christmas Schedule: Christmas Eve (Friday) 4 pm at Sacred Heart and 6 pm at St. Agnes; Christmas Day (Saturday) 10 am at St. Agnes; Regular obligation masses only Saturday evening mass at 4 pm at Sacred Heart, none at St. Agnes. Sunday masses will be unchanged.**
- 5. Fr. Francis will be on leave second week in January for 3 weeks, Fr. Dan will be covering.**
- 6. Parish financial reports will be out in next few weeks and speaking after mass.**
- 7. Next meeting March 29<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 6:00 at St. Agnes.**
- 8. Motion by Guy and second by Rosemary to adjourn carried unanimously.**

**Respectfully Submitted:**

**Jamie Richter, St Agnes Secretary**