



## Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Jesus – Atlanta Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes



Parish Mission Statement: Sacred Heart aspires to be a multicultural community of faith, committed to knowing, loving, and serving Jesus Christ in all our brothers and sisters: Deus caritas est.

Pastoral Council Guiding Principles: The Parish Pastoral Council, as a consultative body to our pastor, represents the entire parish and strives to listen to the Holy Spirit in trying to discern ways to:

- Unite parishioners, staff and clergy in a community of prayer, leadership, service, and pastoral planning
- Identify, lead, and steward the current and future needs of the parish and ascertain, with the pastor's approval, the direction of Sacred Heart.
- Encourage one another in our spiritual growth, in the understanding of our Catholic faith, and in our ministries to all our parish family whose members differ in heritage, background, lifestyle, age, and other human characteristics.

As leaders within the Sacred Heart community, we strive to model and reinforce behaviors which support one another, holding ourselves and each other accountable to serve proactively and humbly Sacred Heart's pastor and parishioners via collaboration, common respect, constructive feedback, and listening with open hearts, open minds, and grace.

### Schedule

2018 – August 22, September 26, October 24, November 28, December 4, 5 or 6 (Retreat - Tentative)

2019 – January 30, February 20, March 27, April 24, May 22, June (End of Term Social)

### Attendees

Parish Staff:		Parish Council Members:			
X	Msgr. Ed Thein, Rector	X	Michele Urban, <i>Chair</i> (2019)	X	Mike Wazlavec (2020)
	Fr. John Vortek		Linda Kelley (2019)		Guillermo Juarez (2020)
	Deacon Marino Gonzalez	X	Peggy Ballou (2019)	X	Alessandra Richardson (2021)
X	Deacon Mike Balfour		Ralph Bailey (2019)	X	Hillary Singleton (2021)
			Jacky Duchamp (2019)		Jose Verdugo
			Keely Briggs (2020)		
Guests:					

### Minutes for May 22, 2019:

1. Opening Prayer – Monsignor Ed
2. Approval of Minutes – Approved by Peggy
3. Rector's Report – *Monsignor Ed Thein*
  - a. Financial audit went well - just a few small notes based on best practices; 3rd good financial audit in a row
  - b. Save the Spires
    - i. We have \$1M saved up
    - ii. Combined electrical/HVAC work will cost \$1.7M
    - iii. May have to do upgrades over a series of phases to stretch dollars but the costs variable
    - iv. Advertise our promo in the Georgia Bulletin
    - v. Looking for ways to reach out to the community, endowment funding - next phase of the Save the Spires effort
    - vi. Planning to wrap up Save the Spires program in beginning of July
  - c. To keep improvement spirit going - updating pews; people like getting involved in small projects
  - d. Father Bill Williams - used to be pastor at Ft Oglethorpe; is in residence at Sacred Heart but is full-time prison chaplain and takes care of Gift of Grace House
  - e. Humberto installed 2 ceiling fans in the vestibule

- f. Ushers check for communion hosts
    - i. Ushers do head counts
  
  - 4. Pastoral Administrator's Update – *Deacon Mike Balfour*
    - a. This weekend we have a priest from Food for the Poor at all Masses
    - b. Confirmation & First Communion are completed
    - c. Financial audit has been completed
    - d. Parish Picnic - usually late August/early September - need to pick a place soon
      - i. Could combine with Ministry Fair
    - e. Parish is in vacation mode
  - 5. Ministries Update – *Deacon Marino Gonzalez* - N/A
  - 6. Faith Formation and Liturgy and Update – *Alan McGill, PhD* - N/A
  - 7. Parish Council Update – *Michele Urban*
    - New Board Members Update
      - End of term Event
        - a. Peggy called potential candidates for next year
          - i. 10 candidates:
            1. Collin Hughes - yes
            2. Linda Miller - no response
            3. Jesse Jensen - no response
            4. Charles Ruffin - no response
            5. Bob Balke - no response
            6. Richard Campbell - no
            7. Joaquin Calderon - yes
            8. Ricardo Newball - yes
            9. Janet Wells - no response
            10. Tom Cross - no longer at parish
            11. Lynn Vaughn - check-in after holiday weekend
          - ii. Peggy will follow-up again
          - iii. Filling 4 openings
          - iv. If someone can't commit now, check back in within a year
        - b. We can have an election if we have sufficient candidates but lacking enough candidates, Msgr Ed can appoint people who have been nominated
        - c. Next step - get bio/applications - due May 29th
          - i. Return applications to Alessandra at [arichardson@sacredheartatlanta.org](mailto:arichardson@sacredheartatlanta.org)
        - d. Election June 9th preferably if there are enough candidates
          - i. Inform Catherine Tarbox about Parish council election
        - e. Discuss revising number of members next academic year
8. New Business - N/A
9. Round Table
  - a. Get ministry feedback monthly for parish council
  - b. Invite/remind that parish council meetings are open
  - c. Keely may bring her son to meetings next year
10. Next Meeting – Social rescheduling June 19th @ 6pm. Parish Hall.
  - a. Msgr Ed contact Finance, Legacy, Stewardship, and Marketing
  - b. Potluck dinner
11. Closing Prayer - Michele