

**MINUTES FROM PASTORAL COMMITTEE MEETING
SACRED HEART OF JESUS
3-22-2012**

ATTENDANCE: President Tim Smith, Vice President Jean Woods, Deacon Clary Nash, Ann Boddie, Les Brosset, Fay Cunningham, Joe Dernovish, Richard Guzman, Mary Jansen, Mary Nash, Anna Skyles, Absent: Gerald Beasley, Ollie Bennett, Mary Dupuis, Charles Lyles, Cedric Pinkney, Fr. Francis or Fr. Michael. Guest Speakers: Bea Cernigliaro, Director of St. Vincent de Paul and Randy Mobley, President of Finance Committee.

Deacon Clary opened meeting with Lord's Prayer.

President Smith introduced Bea Cernigliaro, Director of St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP), explaining just some of what SVdP does. Bea reviewed this great ministry, stating it is the "Gospel message in Action" by feeding, clothing, caring for those in need, serving the entire West side of Shreveport, from Lakeshore to Bert Kouns Industrial Loop, including Greenwood and Bethany. They provide assistance of food, utility bills, gasoline for stranded motorists, emergency motel rooms, burials and medicine. During Thanksgiving, 72 baskets with a turkey were handed out, and through assistance of Sacred Heart, 120 children received Christmas presents and 26 food baskets with turkeys were provided to the neediest of families. During Easter, they will give out over 120 Easter baskets and provide essential everyday items collected during Lent from our parishioners. All 17 workers are volunteers, so 100% of all donations go directly towards helping those in need. Sacred Heart Parish provides the building and utilities. She finished by thanking Sacred Heart Community for their generosity, and stated we truly are the "Little Church with the Big Heart."

It was suggested that Bea email Nina Glorioso with some of their activities so Nina can contact the *Shreveport Times* for publicity.

Randy Mobley came to discuss with those members who attended the special diocesan training at St. Mary of the Pines on March 10th with Randy Tiller, Director of Mission Effectiveness for the diocese. Upon conclusion of discussion, it was decided that 1) Deacon Clary would speak to Fr. Francis about pursuing what it takes to go back to parish status; 2) request from Randy Tiller the five (5) objectives/requirements to become a parish versus a "quasi" parish; and 3) Meet with Randy Tiller possibly for a lunch meeting with Fr. Francis, Deacon Clary and President Smith to pursue becoming a parish.

Old Business:

No old Business was discussed.

New Business:

Joe Dernovish stated that Westwood Nursing Home was moving to 70th Street close to Turner Elementary School and the Fire Station shortly and asked if he could give Deacon Clary's phone number to contact as the "old" building will be converted to a homeless shelter.

Deacon Clary stated they are working on the budget, keeping it the same as the collections are the same as last year. Sacred Heart does have savings and several capital expenses are being investigated: 1) re-sealing the parking lot; 2) Re-cushion the church pews; 3) Lighting in church with fans; 4) Awning between Gabriel Hall and the church. When the budget is turned in and have capital line items, it is beneficial to the church.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 26, 2012.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Nash, Secretary