

Proposed Sacred Heart Parish Council By-Laws Modifications and Changes – April 2011

Why Change

- Compliance for selection and appointment of councilors
- In alignment with diocesan guidance
- In alignment with contemporary council guidance

What's Different - Key Updates and Changes

- Mission – contemporized
- Transition – defined clearly
- Committee Missions – broadly defined; specific missions to be defined by the committee along with appropriate membership; Finance is not under the remit of parish pastoral councils per diocesan guidance

	Current by Sacred Heart By-laws	Most Contemporary Councils/Guidance	Proposed By-Laws
Councilors (III)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • composed of no less 14 nor more than 18 members ...; includes committee chairs including Finance (out of guidance) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently SH has 5-7 councilors elected; • Actively involved with committees • Pastors can appoint members 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9-12 councilor members • 3-5 selected • 3 appointed by pastor • Ex-officio – principal, DRE, finance chair
Youth (III)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Includes two youth representatives. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Involve youth in membership 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth recommended by youth ministry, appointed by DRE/Pastor
Selection (IV)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selection by Election Committee • March through April with voting in May • Vacancies filled if warranted 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members solicit potential candidates • Qualified candidates approved by officers and pastor • Selection in May
Terms (III)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two year terms • Three term limit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Varies; three year terms common • 5-6 years consecutively 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three year term • Two term limit
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staggered terms with ½ the council in alternating years. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many stagger terms; but staggered terms are not necessary 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selection of at least one councilor per year
Voting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elected members only 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pastor does not vote; council is advisory 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selected, appointed, ex-officio members vote
Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular recommended 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 scheduled Sept – June; • Special Meetings as needed • Work through committees

Martin Snyder

From: mrssunshine24@comcast.net
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2011 4:42 PM
To: MSnyder762@tvconnect.net
Subject: meeting tonight

Hello Marty,

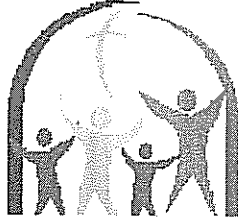
Unfortunately I will not be able to make the meeting tonight. I have been ill and I thought I would feel better to attend this important meeting. I am not sure how to do a proxy vote.

Please email back.

Thank you

Tina

My vote is yes -



Sacred Heart Parish Community
OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

To: Marty Snyder, Parish Council President

From: Marissa H. Mills, DRE *MH*

Date: April 27, 2011

RE: Proxy Vote – Parish Council Meeting
Vote on a Modification to the current parish council by-laws.

I hereby vote YES to a Modification to the Current Parish Council By-Laws.

Marissa H. Mills

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DRE

Principal's Report
Parish Council Meeting
April 27, 2011

Enrollment and Registration: Registration for next year is looking very good and we do not anticipate any decrease in our enrollment. We have waiting lists for Pre-K, Kindergarten, first grade and second grade.

Technology Update: We have received a donation of three new Mac laptop computers. They are now being used in the first grade for their new on-line RAZ Kids individual reading program.

Raffle: Raffle ticket-books went home on Friday, March 25th. Our first collection date brought in \$4,540 in raffle tickets sales. School sales will continue until the end of May. We would like to thank Mrs. Denise James for once again coordinating the school's participation in the raffle.

Middle School News: The 7th graders were the winners of the Middle School Homework Challenge for the month of March. Also, the Sacred Heart Stewards Service Club once again coordinated a very successful annual Lenten Food Drive to benefit the St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen. In addition, they volunteered twice at the soup kitchen. Also, on Thursday, April 14th, our 8th grade French class received a guest speaker. Dr. Josee Clutier came to speak to them about her career experience. The whole conversation was in French! We would like to thank our French teacher, Mme. Snitkin, for coordinating this activity for our students. Finally, the applications for the National Junior Honor Society have been submitted and the students have received their letters of acceptance. An Induction Ceremony is being planned with a Mass scheduled for Tuesday, May 3rd at 7:00 PM in the church.

Elementary School News: We are pleased to announce that two of our third grade students, Melissa Mancuso and Olivia Wong were among the winners of this year's Child Abuse Prevention Month Poster Contest sponsored by the Town of Groton Human Resources Agency. These posters will be featured in their calendar for the year 2012. Also, our third grade students, led by Ms. Santangelo submitted poems to Creative Communications, for their Spring Poetry Contest. Recently they received a letter that all of their poems qualified and will be published in their upcoming anthology of poems.

School News: Other News: On Saturday, March 5th the SHS Parents Guild hosted their annual Mardi Gras Dinner, Dance, Basket Gala and Auction. Overall, it raised \$9,946.72!

On Sunday, March 13th, students from our 4th, 5th and 6th grade represented our school at the Knights of Columbus Catholic Schools Regional Spelling Bee. They were Jonathan Foster (4th grade), Anna Wolk (5th grade) and Edyta Wolk (6th grade). Jonathan and Anna finished in 3rd place in their respective categories, while Edyta finished in second place.

We would like to congratulate Mrs. Denise James, Mrs. Patricia Snyder and Mr. George Lang, who are our school nominees for Volunteers of the Year. Mrs. James' many hours of volunteer work with the Guild and the Parish and School Raffle, Mrs. Snyder's many years of service coordinating the Box Tops for Education and Campbell's Soup Labels fundraising programs, and Mr. Lang's generous donation of time and expertise assisting in the installation of interactive white boards, projectors, computers and software, led to these nominations. They were recognized at the Connecticut Association of Schools' Volunteers Recognition Dinner on Tuesday, March 15th at the Aqua Turf Club in Southington.

On March 17th, our school celebrated St. Patrick's Day enjoying a fantastic performance from the dancers from Spirited Soles Irish Dance School. Our students also enjoyed a green and white free dress down.

On Saturday, March 19th, Courtney Rose, a 7th grade student and a member of our school band participated in the Future Musicians of CT All State Band Concert at Central Connecticut State University.

On Monday, March 21st, members of our faculty and staff attended a retreat at the Edmundite's Retreat on Enders Island. It was a great day in which we all had the opportunity to reflect and grow spiritually.

Catholic Schools Day was celebrated at the State Capitol this past Wednesday, March 23rd. It was the largest one to date with 130 parents, students and staff members from Connecticut's Catholic schools. SHS paraprofessional and Connecticut Federation of Catholic Schools Parents Liaison for SHS, Mrs. Laura Lowry and her children Ryan (2nd grade) and Nathan (1st grade), together with our Middle School teacher, Mrs. Nancy Pescatello, represented our school. A picture of Mrs. Lowry and her children with Mr. John Cattlelan, Director of the Connecticut Federation of Catholic Schools Parents, and State Representative Chris Coutu was featured in this month's edition of the Four County Catholic. Also, our students 4th grade and up wrote letters to Governor Dannel Malloy, State Senator Andrew Maynard and State Representative Ted Moukawsher relating why they love their Catholic School experience.

On Friday March 25th, volunteers from Junior Achievement visited our school and provided our students with their hands-on program that teaches key concepts of work readiness, entrepreneurship and financial literacy.

On Saturday, April 2nd and Sunday, April 3rd, our Children's Chorus once again participated in the Mystic Area Ecumenical Children's Choral Workshop and Festival. The Chorus performed eight anthems along with other children's choirs in the area. We would like to acknowledge our Music teacher, Mrs. Barbara Billings for coordinating this activity.

On Thursday, April 7th, our students, second grade and up, had the opportunity to receive the sacrament of reconciliation to prepare for Holy Week and Easter. Thank you, Fr. Dariusz, for making the arrangements to have two additional priests come to help administer this sacrament.

Our last Parish and School Family Night will take place on Saturday, May 7th, after the 4:30 Mass in the cafeteria. It will be a pizza party in honor to our mothers and will be hosted by our School Board.

We have recently submitted grants to the Sullivan Foundation (2), the Ruth Sanger Trust, Charter Oak and the Academy of the Holy Family. We are currently working on The Jackson Trust Fund and The Catholic Foundation Non-Tuition Grant.

We are well into the planning stages of our annual Golf Tournament to benefit the RISEN Program and LRC. The tournament is scheduled for Friday, June 10th, 2011 at Shennecossett Golf Course. More information can be found on our website.

Spring formal classroom observations have been finalized and our teachers' self-evaluations have been submitted.

Respectfully submitted,

Soraya V. Betancourt- Calle, Ph.D.
Principal

RCIA REPORT
PARISH COUNCIL
27 APRIL 2011

I am very happy to report that four RCIA Elect were received into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil Mass on 23 April 2011 – one was Baptized, Confirmed, and received First Communion; three were Confirmed of which one also received her First Communion. We have a fifth member who was unable to attend the Easter Vigil due to having broken her ankle. She is now convalescing at Groton Regency Manor. She will be confirmed in December 2011 with the teenage confirmation class.

The RCIA process is now in the Mystagogia phase until Pentecost, 12 June 2011. In this phase, the Neophytes will learn how Catholics live.

All the Neophytes report being very satisfied with the lessons and Catechists. They enjoy learning more about the Catholic faith and their relationship with God. The one remaining Elect is greatly saddened that she could not partake of the Easter festivities at the Church but will continue her studies, either at RCIA class sessions or on a home-schooled basis.

Linda Westhusin
RCIA Coordinator