

Holy Spirit Catholic Church Pastoral
Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 2, 2010

Present PC: Lorraine Baushke, Marti Billhartz, Brian Cambron, Wayne Carter, Terry Hatler, Sally Liles, Dennis Meffert, Ron Mills, Gabby Springs, Bob Scheidegger, Jane Wilson, Marsha Wyzykowski; **Absent:** Anna Alexander, Christine Garske, Donna Matukas, and Bobbie Shanahan **Guest:** Brent Mason **Staff:** Lori Lewis, Ivana Walker Fr. Steve Hohman and Fr. Jerry Riney.

Chair, Jane Wilson called the meeting to order. Jane welcomed Fr. Steve Hohman to our PC meeting.

Fr. Jerry asked Bob Scheidegger to read the opening prayer which was a scripture reading for August 8, Luke 12:32-48. After the reading Fr. Jerry lead the group in discussion of the scripture.

Jane introduced Brent Mason, who has a background in financial planning and investments, his focus topic was Circle of Hope. Brent distributed an information folder to the PC explaining Planned Giving and different methods of giving through estate planning. A copy of this information is attached hereto as **EXHIBIT A**. Brent explained his Planned Giving Committee consisted of himself, Wade Marcum, who is an estate and tax planning attorney with English, Lucas, Priest & Owsley, and John Deeb, attorney. They will meet with the Finance Committee on Wednesday, August 4, to make sure everything meets their requirements. The Planned Giving Committee will have seminars twice a year in order to assist anyone interested in including the Church in their estate. Jane asked the PC if they would like Brent to move forward with the plan for the Circle of Hope. It was the consensus of the PC that we should go forward with the program. Fr. Jerry thanked Brent of his time and thanked Wade Marcum and John Deeb for their time spent setting up this program.

Jane announced the PC retreat will be Monday, August 30, at Gasper River Retreat on Jackson Bridge Road at 5:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M. We will begin the retreat at 5:00 and will break about 6 or 6:30 for dinner. We will probably not have a business meeting.

The Simply Giving Kick Off will be this coming weekend, August 7-8. Fr. Jerry and Fr. Steve will speak on the subject and it will be included in the bulletin. Jane requested the PC members to get on the website and familiarize themselves with the process of electronic contributions. Jane requested that Ivana report next month on the number of parishioners who have signed up for the electronic contributions.

The June minutes were approved as corrected.

Jane asked for the committee reports:

Communications – Gabby Springs – reported that the committee had discussed having a display at their Ministry Fair Booth with information on electronic contributions and how you can sign up for the program.

Community Spirit – Marti Billhartz – reported she was working on setting up the Welcome Luncheon for the new members of the parish. Jane suggested that we have the luncheon in the rectory sometime in the Fall. A tentative date of September 26 has been scheduled for the luncheon.

Deanery Representative – Lorraine Baushke – no report

Finance Committee – Brian Cambron – no report – the year-end statement was in the bulletin. A copy of which is attached hereto as **EXHIBIT B**.

Capital Campaign – Wayne Carter – no report – The committee has had conversations with Kirby and Smith and are planning our campaign with them. There will be a leadership kick off for the Capital Campaign on Tuesday, September 21. The meeting will be for the PC, ministry chairs and spouses. We will distribute the pledge cards and request they be completed. Invitations will be sent for the meeting. The pledge cards will be distributed to the parish and will need to be returned by November 22. Starting December 1, Kirby and Smith will be starting their home visits. They will make three visits to the home and three follow-up phone calls. If they do not get a response, they will assume the parishioner is not interested. The Fall Festival will be October 22, rain date will be October 29.

St Joseph School – Christine Garske – no report. There was an ice cream social before school started, and the first day of school is Wednesday, August 4.

ECHO – Middle School and High School Youth Ministry – Matthew Keyser – no report

ECHO – Preschool and Grade School – Bobbie Shanahan – no report

Liturgy – Donna Matukas – no report – Fr. Jerry reported the Liturgy Committee will be very busy planning the dedication of the Church. Also, the Bishop will be here for Confirmation next month. The Dedication of the Church will probably be December 12th. We will know for sure in a couple of weeks.

Social Committee – Dennis Meffert – The St. Vincent de Paul share Sunday collection was \$2,066, which is a good collection. St. Joseph Cemetery Committee is putting up a roof over the mausoleum, which should be completed in October. St. Joseph Church has a memorial monument for the clergy at St. Joseph. There is a concrete pad for Holy Spirit Church. Dennis is going to approach the Social Concerns Committee about getting a memorial monument for Holy Spirit Church clergy. We have 15 people in the Jail Ministry.

Fr. Steve reported that there were 45-50 Burmese at Church last Sunday. We have a committee to develop this ministry. Before the Mass we get together and explain the readings in their language. We have a translator to work with us on this committee. There were about 70 backpacks distributed to the Burmese. Then we went out to Lovers Lane Apartments, where some of the Burmese live and distributed 45 more backpacks to them. Our immediate need is transportation to Mass for these families. Presently we are using a van from the International Center, this is a temporary solution. What we really need is the use of, or ownership of, a bus or a 15- passenger van. We have talked about having an adoptive family for the Burmese.

Stewardship – Ron Mills – reported the Ministry Fair is September 18-19 in the narthex or Holy Spirit Church. He suggested the PC members talk to their committees and encourage them to get organized for the fair. The contact person for the Ministry Fair will be Ron Mills. The Stewardship Committee has plans to contact everyone who signs up for Ministry Committees in order to get them involved with the committee they have chosen.

Transforming our Church – Terry Hatler - a copy of his report is attached hereto as **EXHIBIT C**.

ECHO Adult Faith Ministry – Anna Alexander – no report -Steering Committee – Lori Lewis – a copy of her report is attached hereto as **EXHIBIT D**.

Building and Grounds – Marsha Wyzykowski- a copy of her report is attached hereto as **EXHIBIT E**.

Fr. Jerry reminded the PC that Fr. Jamie Dennis, a seminarian, will be here until the end of August to assist the parish.

The St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry is almost finished and we would like to have an open house for the parish after the Masses sometime soon.

The dedication of the Holy Spirit Church is scheduled for Sunday, December 12.

Bishop William Medley will be here on September 25 for Confirmation.

Fr. Jerry is celebrating his 35th anniversary in the priesthood and will celebrate with a Mass on Wednesday, August 11 at 6:30 p.m. Following the Mass there will be an ice cream social.

Jane announced she was contacted about starting a Motorcycle Ministry. This will be addressed later. She has also been contacted about a Wedding Hostess for the Church.

Jane thanked Fr. Jerry and Marsha for the delicious meal.

The next meeting of the PC will be the retreat on August 30.

Respectfully submitted

Sally Liles
Secretary

