

Holy Spirit Catholic Church Pastoral
Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 1, 2010

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

Chair, Jane Wilson, called the meeting to order. Jane read the opening prayer from the scriptures for November 14, 2010, Luke 21: 5-10. After the reading there was discussion of the scripture.

Jane introduced our focus speaker, Steve Bowra, who is planning the landscaping for Spirit I and Spirit II. Steve is a financial consultant with Merle Lynch, and formerly owned a landscaping business. Steve and a few other committee members have planted all the landscaping at Holy Spirit and have maintained the grounds for the summer. There is a lot of mowing and other maintenance for the property. Steve suggested that the cost of maintenance for the property for the year is not estimated, but the budget might need to be revisited. There are 53 acres to be mowed and maintained. Steve is working with the TORCH committee with the planning of Mary's Garden and other special areas of the landscape. After these areas are finished, it will be a great place for reflection.

Jane asked if a full time maintenance person should be hired to care for the grounds. Steve did not agree at this time Holy Spirit needs a full time person to maintain the property. Steve suggested we complete a full year of maintenance and at that time discuss what is needed to maintain the property. Steve mentioned he would have a booth at the Ministry Fair next year to recruit some help with the maintenance of Holy Spirit. Jane asked if the grounds committee had any plans for the second entrance to the property. Steve said the TORCH Committee is trying to decide on a name for the second entrance to Holy Spirit. Steve suggested that the fence on the church property be removed, and that the upkeep of the fence will be very expensive. Gabby Springs suggested planting trees along the second entrance. Bobbie Shanahan mentioned the second entrance to the church property was very dark and asked if there was some way to get more light on the lane. Terry Hatcher suggested reflector lights might be placed along the lane. Steve will investigate the problem and find something to help with the darkness of the lane. Fr. Jerry mentioned that after the grounds landscaping is established, we might request families to adopt the maintenance for certain areas of the property.

Jane thanked Steve for coming and giving the PC an update on the landscape of Spirit I and Spirit II.

Jane reported on the Dedication of the Church. The invitations are being printed and should be mailed next week. There are about 1500 invitations to be mailed. A lot of

people have requested to participate in the dedication, most of the participants will be selected from a random drawing. There are 8 committees in place to help with the dedication. The youth will move the corpus of Jesus to the Church. The PC will have a time for adoration before the Dedication.

Jane reported the Ribbon Cutting on October 28th was very well attended. She thanked Lorraine for handling the reception. This event should help the community realize we have moved to a new location.

Wayne Carter reported that the Fall Festival was a great success. There were more than 300 people in attendance. Plans are being made to have the Fall Festival again in 2011.

Jane asked for a volunteer to help organize the CROP Walk on Sunday, November 21. This event is to bring awareness of the hunger in the world. Dennis Meffert volunteered to organize HS parish members for the walk. 75% of the proceeds from contributions goes abroad and 25% of the proceeds is given to the MEALS Program.

Jane reported on the Strategic Process Meeting with Bishop Medley. There were 60 other PC Chairs from the diocese. Bishop Medley is trying to collect information regarding the ministries and concerns of each parish in the diocese. The chairs were divided into groups for discussion and Jane was in the group with Larry Conrad, who is Chair of the St. Joseph PC. Jane suggested that the parishes might come together as a community and participate in something together.

Thanksgiving bread baking was the next item for discussion. Jane reported the bread will be prepared on Wednesday, November 24th, and requested the help of the PC. Also, PC members will be needed on Thanksgiving Day at the 9:30 Mass to distribute the bread.

Jane asked for approval of the October minutes, and the minutes were approved as submitted.

Jane asked for the committee reports:

Communication – Gabby Springs – Gabby reported there will be 2 issues of Breath of the Spirit. The first issue will be between Christmas and New Year's and the next the end of January 2011. She asked that the PC encourage the support of the businesses that advertise in the weekly Sunday bulletin. Gabby encouraged the PC to use the website to promote their committees. She shared a report on website hits in the past month. The Daily News has contacted the Church about advertising. This is still under consideration by the committee. The next meeting of the Communications Committee will be November 30th.

Community Spirit – Marti Billhartz – no report.

Deanery Representative – Lorraine Baushke – no report

Finance Committee – Brian Cambron – no report. A second collection on Sundays was suggested by PC members to defray the operation budget deficit.

Capital Campaign – Wayne Carter – reported that Kirby Smith is calling on parishioners, who have not returned their pledge cards, regarding their commitments to the Capital Campaign. The Capital Campaign Committee will follow up with phone calls to parishioners who were visited. The video made for the Capital Campaign will be available at a later date at a minimum cost.

St. Joseph School – Christine Garske – a copy of her report is attached hereto as **EXHIBIT A.**

ECHO Middle School and High School Youth Ministry – Bobbie Shanahan – a copy of her report is attached hereto as **EXHIBIT B.**

ECHO Preschool and Grade School - Bobbie Shanahan –no report

Liturgy - Donna Matukas – no report. The committee is working on the Dedication of the Church.

Social Concern Committee – Dennis Meffert - The Angle Tree for Christmas gifts will have requests from the Salvation Army, Ministerial Association and the Burmese. There will be a 200 cards for the tree and 800 gifts requested. The Angle Trees will be set up before Thanksgiving.

The Kentucky political forum will be January 8th from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Stewardship – Ron Mills – no report. Jane reported that after January the committee will be working on ways to encourage electronic giving (Simply Giving). The electronic giving is a convenience for the parishioner and contribution consistency for the Church. Jane requested that the Stewardship Committee be given a report on the amount of the electronic deposits each week.

Transforming Our Church – Terry Hatcher – a copy of his report is attached hereto as **EXHIBIT C.**

ECHO Adult Faith Ministry – Anna Alexander – a copy of her report is attached hereto as **EXHIBIT D.**

Building and Grounds – Marsha Wyzykowski – no report. Fr. Jerry expressed our appreciation to Scott Stringer who is working on the HVAC problem.

Fr Jerry's Comments:

Thanks to Jane and Lorraine for helping with the Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cutting.

Fr. Jerry displayed the pictures of the suggestions for the crucifix for the Church and asked for opinions from the PC members.

Fr. Jerry explained that the Mass schedule after December 19th will change to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Sundays - 9:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. This will allow 2 1/2 hours between Masses which will allow parents to choose when their children will have catechetical instruction.

Fr. Jerry asked if anyone had suggestions for the name of the second entrance to the church property.

Bob Scheidigger will lead the prayer at the next PC meeting.

The next meeting of the PC will be Monday, December 6th.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Liles