

Holy Spirit Catholic Church Pastoral
Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 4, 2010

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

Chair, Jane Wilson called the meeting to order. Fr. Jerry asked Lorraine and Marsha to read the opening prayer which was a scripture readings from October 10th, Luke 17: 11-19 After the reading Fr. Jerry lead the group in discussion of the scripture.

Jane announced the dedication of Holy Spirit Church will be on December 12, at 11:00 a.m. Invitations will be mailed and Jane asked the PC to let her know of anyone they would like to invite. Fr. Jerry informed the council about the preparations such as removing the chairs after the 4:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday, having a parking lot committee to assure proper parking, and the reception to follow the dedication. There will be a hospitality committee to welcome Bishop Medley, visiting priests, and city and county officials to the dedication. The service will start outside and we will need the PC to help people with directions. Fr. Steve informed the PC as to the adorations and procedures that will take place before the dedication. Rosemary Brown is scheduling the adoration from Friday until Sunday, and hopes to have at least two persons in the chapel every hour.

Jane announced that the Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cutting for Spirit I will be on October 28, at 10:00 a.m. Lorraine volunteered to prepare the refreshments for the visitors.

Fr. Jerry reminded the PC about that the Fall Festival will be Friday, October 22.

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

Jane asked for the committee reports:

Communications – Gabby Springs – a copy of her report is attached hereto as **EXHIBIT A**. Ivana reported that the Communication Committee has updated their website to include the Capital Campaign. Also, the committee is working with Steve Kovar preparing for the dedication of Holy Spirit Church.

Community Spirit – Marti Billhartz – no report

Deanery Representative – Lorraine Baushke – no report

Finance Committee – Brian Cambron – a copy of his report is attached hereto as **EXHIBIT B**. Fr. Jerry reported we should be receiving the statement for the first liturgical quarter soon.

Capital Campaign – Wayne Carter – no report. Jane reported 74 parishioners are using electronic giving. She reported we are under budget \$16,673, which is less than last year at this time (figure reported to Jane by Ivana). Fr. Jerry reported the Leap of Faith dinner was very successful. The video for the Leap of Faith was very good and will be shown on October 24th after all the Masses.

St. Joseph School – Christine Garske – a copy of her report is attached hereto as **EXHIBIT C**. Fr. Jerry reminded the PC of the photo in the Daily News of the blessing of the pets at St. Joseph School. Fr. Jerry announced the enrollment at St. Joseph School was one less student than last year.

ECHO – Middle School and High School Youth Ministry – Bobbie Shanahan- no report. Fr. Jerry informed the PC there were 43 who received Confirmation.

ECHO – Preschool and Grade School – Bobbie Shanahan – no report – Lori Lewis reported that the 1st and 2nd weeks of ECHO stations were successful. There have been several requests for a program for pre-kindergarten children on Sundays. At present there is no space available. The next ECHO Assembly will be November 14 and 17. The Theme is “Christ the King” and Advent.

Liturgy – Donna Matukas – a copy of her report is attached hereto as **EXHIBIT D**.

Social Concerns Committee - Dennis Meffert – a copy of his report is attached hereto as **EXHIBIT E**. Fr. Steve reported on the progress with the Burmese. An ESL class has been started with 30 students participating. Pots and pans were passed out to the Burmese families. A program will soon start to furnish blankets and coats for the families. Also, issues of cleanliness will be addressed in the future. The bus from the International Center is no longer in use because the parish needs at least 4 drivers who are licensed to drive a bus. There will be an announcement in the bulletin regarding drivers. A \$5,000 grant has been applied for to help the Burmese families. Dennis reported that the Life Chain for Respect for Life on Sunday, October 4, was a great success with 119 supporters participating.

Stewardship – Ron Mills – Jane reported the Ministry Fair was a great success. Liturgy and Music won the best booth prize of \$100. CWO came in second. Everyone who signed up for a committee has been contacted and given information on the meeting dates and contacts for their committee. During November the Stewardship Committee will stress the importance of electronic transfers for contributions.

Transforming Our Church – Terry Hatler – no report. Fr. Jerry discussed the windows in the church and the scenes that will be depicted. Also, the asphalt will be laid for the entrance and the concrete pit for the fire, which will be called Lumen Christi Plaza.

ECHO Adult Faith Ministry – Anna Alexander – no report

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

Fr. Jerry's Comments:

An **Arts & Furnishings Committee** has been formed to follow up and keep the intention of the space in Spirit I and Spirit II. (This Committee is different from the Liturgical “Art and Environments Committee.”)

Cornerstone for HS Church – The Parish Pastoral Council Executive Committee has agreed to coordinate the articles to be placed in the cornerstone. If you have any suggestions, please contact Jane, Sally or Bob.

Bishop Medley is beginning a Strategic Process which will last at least a year. He wishes every Catholic in the Diocese to have input. Initially, he has called a meeting of all Council Chairs for Saturday, October 23 at the CPC in Owensboro. Jane has graciously agreed to attend.

Disciples Response Annual Fund: Bishops Annual Appeal: be as generous as you can, everyone can mark prayer and do it.

Brescia University – Complimentary tickets to basketball games (compliments of Independence Bank) November 1 is designated “parish night”.

C.R.O.P. “Communities Responding to Obliviate Poverty” Walk – Sunday, November 21. An advocate from HS is needed to participate and encourage others from our parish to participate. The Walk is sponsored by the BG/WC Ministerial Association and 25% of the funds collected will stay in our local community.

Sunday Mass schedule after the Dedication of HS Church beginning December 19 will be as follows: 4:30 pm, 9:00 am and 11:30 am. Fr. Jerry explained his motives for the changes in the Mass schedule.

The new roman Missal was displayed by Fr. Jerry. This missal and the changes in the prayers for Mass will be incorporated after the HS Church Dedication.

Lorraine and Wayne will be furnishing the meal for our next PC Meeting on Monday, November 2. Bob Scheidigger will lead the prayer.

The next meeting of the PC will be Monday, November 2, All Saints Day, after the 6:00 pm Mass.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sally Liles