

Holy Spirit Catholic Church Pastoral
Council Meeting Minutes
Sunday, October 11, 2009

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

Donna Matukas and Gabby Springs provided lunch.

Chair, Jane Wilson, called the meeting to order. Lori Lewis led the Lectio Divina Prayer. Bobbie Shanahan gave the scripture readings. After each reading the council members participated in sharing their thoughts.

Jane introduced Pat Mysinger and Ron Mills to reported on the Stewardship Committee. Pat reported the Stewardship Committee recently had a retreat. Justin Clemons facilitated the retreat and helped the committee realize they had a lot of pieces and parts in place, but did not have the whole picture together. Pat made the following comments and suggestions:

1. Greeters at Mass need to be more enthusiastic with their greetings and not only to the new people but the entire parish needs to feel welcome.
2. When we have new people we need to engage them so they feel connected to our church community.
3. A full time staff member for the Stewardship Committee is needed. Grants and other funds are available for this position.
4. Pursue getting the children involved in programs and activities with their friends after Mass would help involve the rest of the family.
5. The Stewardship Committee is planning to survey the parish to find out what they would like to see changed or added to the ministries. Copies of the survey that the Stewardship Committee has prepared will be distributed to the PC.
6. The liaisons are requested to distribute copies of the survey to their committees.
7. Anyone with information they want included in the survey should contact Jane.
8. The date of distribution of the survey will be determined at the next meeting of the Stewardship Committee.

Ron Mills explained the electronic transfer through Independence Bank is available to the members of the parish, and can be used each Friday of the month. We are trying to overcome peoples need to put something in the collection basket. A meeting is needed with all of the committee chairs, liaisons and the Stewardship Committee to discuss encouraging stewardship.

Jane introduced John Knepler. John addressed a new committee he feels is needed and informed the PC that a survey was distributed to twenty-seven seniors on Wisdom Day about the use of the extra acreage left at Parkside. John suggested a broader survey of the parish to determine what they really want to do with the additional acreage. A copy of the survey distributed at the Wisdom Day gathering is attached hereto as EXHIBIT "A".

Fr. Jerry informed the council that he had asked the TORCH Committee what should be done with the additional acres; basically they have been involved with this for 6-7 years. The land needs to be income producing for the parish in the long run. A committee is needed with a chair that has experience in this area. Anyone who might know of someone experienced in this area was encouraged to call him or the Executive Board. The survey about the use of the extra acreage at Parkside could be attached to the Stewardship Survey.

Jane asked John for a report on the sale of the Founders Dinner tickets and encouraged the council to talk to people and try to sell the tickets. Jane suggested that the liaisons send an email to their committees encouraging attendance and letting them know that the Founders Dinner is for everyone and not just the founding members of the parish.

Jane reported there would be an announcement in the bulletin next Sunday explaining the purchase of the Owen Lawson property. The property was purchased for \$360,000 and, a down payment of \$10,000 has been made with the balance due December 31, 2009.

Jane asked for approval of the August 31, 2009 minutes. Fr. Jerry had some corrections and the minutes were approved as amended.

After a short break Jane called for the ministry reports:

Communications – Gabby Springs – no report

Community Spirit – Marti Billhartz - reported the Newcomers Dinner is October 18. Fr. Jerry invited the council to attend the dinner.

Deanery Representative – Lorraine Baushke – no report

Finance Committee – Brian Cambron – no report – Fr. Jerry announced the quarterly report would be sent out soon.

Capital Campaign – Wayne Carter – a copy of his report is attached hereto as EXHIBIT B.

St. Joseph School – Christine Garske – no report. Anna Alexander reported that the school has been on Fall Break. Parent Teacher's conferences are coming up the end of the month. The Halloween Talent Show will be Friday, October 30.

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

ECHO Preschool and Grade School – Bobbie Shanahan – no report

Liturgy – Donna Matukas – reported the committee met with Art Kunkel at Parkside to determine the lay out of the chairs and dressing rooms in the hall for Mass.

Social Concerns – Dennis Meffert – reported Dan Cline is going to meet with the committee about the new ministry for People in Need. Dennis reported there were about 100 people who attended the St. Vincent de Paul Appreciation celebration on September 28.

Fr. Jerry stated he wanted to bring up with Social Concerns Committee about helping the refuge families from Mymamar (formerly Burma) who have moved to Bowling Green. Fr. Jerry reported 12 refugees, who were picked up by the church bus, attended the Saturday evening Mass. Fr. Jerry informed the PC that a group of people have offered to help them.

Transforming Our Church – Terry Hatler – no report.

Adult Faith Ministries – Anna Alexander – a copy of the report is attached hereto as EXHIBIT D. Lori Lewis also reported that Wisdom Day was a success with about 30 people attending. She reported that a Ministry of Praise for homebound parishioners would commission 6 or 7 new members on October 30. This is a Prayer Ministry and there are between 50-60 members.

Building and Grounds - Marsha Wyzkowski – a copy of the report is attached hereto as EXHIBIT E.

Fr. Jerry's Comments: Fr. Jerry requested the PC to continue to pray for our PC members, and the relatives of the members of the council who are ill. Fr. Jerry expressed his appreciation for the prayers of our church community for his family.

Fr. Jerry reported someone had donated a 1985 Calais Oldsmobile to the parish. He asked the council if they knew of someone who could use the car.

Fr. Jerry stated the Quilt Club has a quilt they would like to raffle and asked if anyone knew of someone to coordinate the quilt raffle.

Fr. Jerry informed the PC that the Sisters of Faith from our parish have a new CD entitled "Sacrifice", that will be on sale soon.

Fr. Jerry asked if anyone was interested in being a Minister of Care. This ministry visits the homes of people who cannot attend Mass, and the nursing homes. At the present time

they visit about 50 people or more every week. It connects people who are homebound with the Eucharist.

Fr. Jerry mentioned that a coordinator is needed for our parish for the C.R.O.P. Walk on November 22, which is sponsored by the Ministerial Association. Every church will need a coordinator to get sponsors before Thanksgiving.

Fr. Jerry reminded the PC that the Koinonia Retreat would be the last weekend in January 2010. Applications are on the tables in church.

Fr. Jerry requested prayers for the staff who will be on retreat this Thursday.

Jane asked for volunteers to do the scripture reading at the November meeting, Donna Matukas volunteered.

The meeting was adjourned with a group prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Liles