

Holy Spirit Catholic Church Pastoral
Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 6, 2009

Present: PC: Jane Wilson, Anna Alexander, Lorraine Baushke, Marti Billhartz, Wayne Carter, Christine Garske, Donna Matukas, Dennis Meffert, Ron Mills, Lynn Martin, Bobbie Shanahan, Gabby Springs, and Marsha Wyzkowski. **Absent:** Brian Cambron, Terry Hatler, Sally Liles and Bob Scheidegger. **Staff:** Fr. Jerry Riney, Fr. Anthoni Ottagan, Matthew Keyser, Lori Lewis and Ivana Walker. **Visitors:** Brian Clements, Art Kunkel, Jan Lange, Chris Nagy and Patty Whetstone.

Dinner was provided by Ron Mills and Lorraine Baushke.

Chair, Jane Wilson called the meeting to order. Jane read the opening prayer sent to her by Brian Cambron. Marsha Wyzkowski read the Gospel reading for April 12th.

Jane offered condolences to Gabby and Marsha for the recent losses in their families.

Marti Billhartz and her family were recognized as the Knights of Columbus Family of the Month.

Budget: First Reading Budget Approval – Linda Keene presented the first reading of the budget. There is a \$19,666 deficit which is not uncommon at this time. Fr. Jerry commented that all salaries in the Diocese of Owensboro are flat for the upcoming year. Linda thanked Father Jerry and the staff for working many long hours in working on the budget. Linda mentioned that there are many positives in the changes especially in the area of stewardship. Linda stated that an electronic version of the audit will be sent to Sally. The Parish Council Liaisons should communicate with their committees and have another look at the budget. Contact Linda or Jane Wilson with any concerns or questions. Fr. Jerry thanked everyone on the Finance team. A copy of the proposed budget is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

The second reading of the budget will be next month.

Fr. Anthoni will be assigned to St. Peter and Paul Parish in Hopkinsville. Fr. Jerry will wait until May to announce this information.

Fr. Ray Goetz will be an associate priest at Holy Spirit. He will be part time.

Jane reported that the Pastoral Transition Committee, which is comprised of the pastoral council chairpersons, has met with Lori Lewis and Fr Jerry to plan events for the next year. Some plans for transitional moments include:
Holy Week, RCIA - invited to worship at Easter, Unveil new logo for next year, place a calendar in the bulletin, suggestion boxes in atrium until end of April, place a poster/sign at the doors of church – How many weeks left at Holy Spirit? All of these transitional moments are to help make parishioners feel comfortable emotionally as we prepare to move to Holy Spirit Parkside.

10/24 or 25 – There will be a banquet for founding families to honor them. Dinner will be provided. Guests will not be asked to pay but other parishioners will be asked to pay. Please let Jane know if you have any suggestions.

Marsha and Jane brought to everyone's attention the article in our parish magazine Closing of the church. Some discussion followed.

Barry Howard has offered his home to celebrate with the Torch, Steering Committee and Capital Campaign.

Census/Stewardship forms update: We have received 275 pledges of about \$550,000. 375 total cards were returned. Communication committee will update information per family including correct phone number and address.

Discussion followed on the phone calls made to parishioners. A stewardship card might be sent out to those who didn't respond. Lorraine had a question regarding emails. Gabby said this area needs to be addressed.

The March minutes were approved.

Jane asked for the ministry reports and thanked everyone for submitting their reports early through email for review.

Communications – Gabby Springs – a summary of the committee meeting report is attached hereto and made a part hereof as EXHIBIT B.

Community Spirit – Marti Billhartz – a summary of the committee meeting report is attached hereto and made a part hereof as EXHIBIT C.

Deanery Representative – Lorraine Baushke – no report

Finance Committee – Brian Cambron – no report

Capital Campaign – Wayne Carter – a summary of the committee meeting report is attached hereto and made a part hereof as EXHIBIT D.

St. Joseph School – Christine Garske – a copy of the committee report is attached hereto and made a part hereof as EXHIBIT E.

ECHO – Middle School and High School Youth Ministry – Lynn Martin – a summary of the committee meeting report is attached hereto and made a part hereof as EXHIBIT F.

ECHO – Preschool and Grade School – Bobbie Shanahan – a summary of the committee meeting report is attached hereto and made a part hereof as EXHIBIT G.

Liturgy – Donna Matukas – a summary of the committee meeting report is attached hereto and made a part hereof as EXHIBIT H.

Social Concerns – Dennis Meffert – no report

Stewardship Committee – Ron Mills – no report

Transforming Our Church – Terry Hatler – no report

Adult Faith Ministry – Anna Alexander – report is attached hereto and made a part hereof as EXHIBIT I.

Building & Grounds – Marsha Wyzykowski – a summary of the committee meeting report is attached hereto and made a part hereof as EXHIBIT J.

Focus - LEED

Patti Whetstone, Chris Nagy, Art Kunkel, and Brian Clements gave a presentation on LEED- Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design

Brian Clements is the leader of the green team. Brian is LEED certified. Holy Spirit Parkside is the first church in Kentucky to be green. Standards need to be met in the areas of sustainable area, water, energy, air quality, and design.

Patty and Chris explained The Sustain the Spirit of Stewardship. We were all given a very detailed handout with information, a copy of which is attached hereto as

EXHIBIT K. There will be education for everyone in the parish. There is a \$50,000 grant that is being written with Jan Lange, the principal of St. Joseph School. This grant will help pay for materials, staff development and will include ECHO. The grant application will include the school, the community and Western Kentucky University.

Holy Spirit Parkside will be a state of the art facility. It will be built for the future. The use of recycled materials is being accomplished.

Fr. Jerry commented how the Easter Season is the holiest part of our liturgical year.

The next PC meeting is on May 4, 2009 at 6:15 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned with a group prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Liles