

Holy Spirit Catholic Church Pastoral  
Council Meeting Minutes  
Monday, May 4, 2009

**Present:** PC: Jane Wilson, Anna Alexander, Lorraine Baushke, Marti Billhartz, Brian Cambron, Wayne Carter, Christine Garske, Terry Hatler, Sally Liles, Donna Matukas, Dennis Meffert, Lynn Martin, Bob Scheidegger, Bobbie Shanahan and Marsha Wyzkowski. **Absent:** Ron Mills, Gabby Springs **Staff:** Fr. Jerry Riney **Visitor:** Linda Keene, Chair of the Finance Committee.

Dinner was provided by Wayne Carter and Ivana Walker.

Chair, Jane Wilson called the meeting to order. Marti Billhartz read the opening prayer and Dennis Meffert led the group in a discussion of the scripture reading from May 10, 2009: Acts 9:26-31.

Linda Keene was introduced and stated that the Finance Committee had completed the audit and presented the audit to Fr. Jerry and the Staff. The audit will be reviewed in a meeting with the Staff and revisions on procedures will be reviewed. Linda and Barry Howard are working with some banks to obtain proposals for a loan to finance Spirit II. With the plans to start construction it will be necessary to have a loan in place by the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. It is anticipated that the proposals from the banks will be provided by the end of this week.

Linda provided an updated copy of the budget, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof as EXHIBIT A. There is a \$16,028 deficit. She advised that the leadership of the Church feels that we need the extra priest to help Fr. Jerry. There is a need to increase the revenue stream to obtain a balanced budget. The Stewardship Committee has added more members in order to get new ideas.

Jane asked Linda if the 2009-10 operating income of \$1,192,287, would result in a zero net income? Linda stated the Finance Committee is saying we have cut all we can and have faith that the church can collect approximately \$1,335 a month above the normal monthly collection.

The budget for 2009-10 was approved by unanimous consensus of the PC.

Marti reported on the plans for the Parish Picnic. It is anticipated that parking would be an issue and volunteers would be needed to direct traffic. The PC was requested to help with serving the food. The picnic will be May 31 at 4:00 p.m.

Jane and Fr. Jerry led the discussion concerning the PC retreat. The suggested date for the retreat is Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup>. They hope to find a place in Bowling Green for the retreat and it would be similar to last year. Fr. Jerry suggested that the focus for the retreat might be Prayer or praying in a busy lifestyle. More planning will take place later.

Wayne Carter reported the Stewardship Celebration will be June 6 at 6:30 p.m. at Barry Howard's Home. The celebration will include the PC and the following committees: Tourn, PPSC, CC, Finance along with the Staff. The celebration will be a potluck due to the number of people. Sally will be sending out an email requesting food sign-up.

The April minutes were approved.

After a short break the meeting was resumed. Jane asked for the ministry reports.

**Communications** – Gabby Springs – no report.

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

**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 C.

**St Joseph School** – Christine Garske – a summary of the committee meeting report is attached hereto and made a part hereof as EXHIBIT D.

**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 E.

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

**Liturgy** – Donna Matukas- no report

**Social Concerns** – Dennis Meffert – reported a total collection from Share Sunday of \$3,330. – a summary of the committee meeting report is attached hereto and made a part hereof as EXHIBIT G.

Some discussion followed regarding the jail ministry. Fr. Jerry announced that Holy Spirit was receiving an award from the Salvation Army for outreach and help the parish has given the Salvation Army.

**Stewardship** – Ron Mills was not present. Jane reported the committee has increased to 15 members. The Stewardship Committee would like to develop an ECHO Program. A Stewardship Retreat is being planned to explain to the committee what Stewardship is and how to bring Stewardship to the Parish. Some of the Stewardship Committee members attended a meeting in Owensboro about stewardship and were amazed at the material that was available. Some materials have been ordered to explain Stewardship to

the parish. Jane encouraged the PC to complete a Stewardship Form and return it to the Church. The forms will be mailed out again to the parish members who did not return them. Jane announced that Pat Mysinger, Chair of the Stewardship Committee, will be sending out a form to a small percentage of the parish asking them how they would like to be involved in the parish.

**Transforming Our Church** – Terry Hatler – a summary of the committee report is attached hereto and made a part hereof as EXHIBIT H.

**Adult Faith Ministry** – Anna Alexander – a summary of the committee report is attached hereto and made a part hereof as EXHIBIT I.

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

Fr. Jerry announced the Ground Blessing for Spirit II will be June 28<sup>th</sup>. Fr. Anthony will be leaving on June 9<sup>th</sup>. His birthday is on Pentecost. Fr. Anthony will be preaching at all the Masses the last weekend he is here. He has been a wonderful addition to our parish. He will be moving to St. Peter & Paul in Hopkinsville, KY. We also need to prepare a welcome for Fr. Ray.

The Feast of Ascension Thursday will be moved to the Sunday before Pentecost.

Fr. Jerry suggested the PC read some of the articles in the April/May issue of Today's Parish publication. The articles point out where the church is going in the future.

Lorraine commended Fr. Jerry for being a mentor for Fr. Anthony.

Jane volunteered to give the opening prayer and Bob will give the scripture reading for the next PC meeting.

Marsha Wyzykowski volunteered to plan the ceremony for the Ground Blessing for Spirit II.

The next PC meeting will be June 1.

The meeting was adjourned with a group prayer.

Respectfully submitted

Sally Liles