

Holy Spirit Catholic Church Pastoral
Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 31, 2009

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

Dennis Meffert and Bobbie Shanahan provided dinner.

In the absence of Chair, Jane Wilson, Bob Scheidegger, Vice Chair, called meeting to order. Christine Garske lead the Lectio Divina Prayer. The Scripture reading was from September 6, 2009, James 2: 1-5. Christine did the first reading, Marsha Wyzkowski did the second reading, and Bob read the third reading. After each reading the council participated in sharing.

Bob asked for the 2008-2009 reports from the liaisons regarding the yearly activities of their committee. Some of the PC members turned in their reports to Bob, who will prepare a summary of the reports. Fr. Jerry informed the PC he had talked with several of the liaisons and everything seemed to be going well. He advised that if any liaison was not comfortable with their committee, they should contact Bob, Jane or himself.

Bob asked for approval of the August 3, 2009 minutes. Fr. Jerry had some corrections, and then the minutes were approved as corrected.

Bob called for the ministry reports:

Communications – Gabby Springs – a copy of her report is attached hereto as EXHIBIT A.

Community Spirit – Marti Billhartz – reported that the “Get Up And Go” program has a new leader, Virgil Albaugh. He has several months filled with programs. September 16th will be the first “Get Up And Go” program.

Deanery Representative – Lorraine Baushke – reported she had visited the newly constructed Catholic Church, Christ the King, in Scottsville, KY.

Finance Committee – Brian Cambron – no report

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

Fr. Jerry encouraged the other committees, who would like to be involved with the activity planned by the Capital Campaign committee, to contact Wayne.

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

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

ECHO Preschool and Grade School – Bobbie Shanahan – a copy of her report is attached hereto as EXHIBIT E.

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

Social Concerns – Dennis Meffert – a copy of his report is attached hereto as EXHIBIT G.

Stewardship – Ron Mills – Bob reported the Stewardship Committee had a retreat in August and they are still working on something to present to the parish. Fr. Jerry reported that Justin Clemons was the facilitator of the retreat.

Transforming Our Church – Terry Hatler – no report

Adult Faith Ministries – Anna Alexander – Lori Lewis presented the report in Anna's absence a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof as EXHIBIT H. Lori also reported that the parish directory was being placed on line, and the title of Catechetical Leadership will be changed to ECHO Adult and Family Life Ministries, as mandated by the Diocese. She also reported that 10 parishioners went to Mt. St. Joseph for a Diocesan Retreat and kickoff for the year. Lori also distributed a brochure, which is a visual aid showing the Whole Community Catechesis. This brochure helps parishioners to understand that participating in activities that are provided is not meant to be your total faith education.

Wayne asked the date for the next Newcomers Luncheon. Fr. Jerry stated it would be October 18. He informed the council that the Stewardship committee is thinking about having these more often with less people and trying to get the newcomers involved with parish activities.

Buildings and Grounds – Marsha Wyzykowski – a copy of her report is attached hereto as EXHIBIT I.

Lori reported that if you wish to plant a tree at our new location for a special intention, then the tree giving information about the donation will be placed on a brick under the tree.

The Building and Grounds Committee proposes to change the rental fees for the new Parish Hall. There was considerable discussion concerning the proposal. Fr. Jerry suggested the committee should rethink their decision about rental fees.

Marsha read in her report that the Building and Grounds Committee proposes not to renew the contract with the Red Cross. The PC postponed further discussion until a later date.

Fr. Jerry stated he hoped that we would continue to offer a place for AA and Alanon meetings. He pointed out he thought it was good that we be involved in the community. These programs should be continued at our new location.

Donna Matukas inquired if the Red Cross would still be allowed to do the blood drives at our new location. Marsha informed her that they would continue.

Marsha gave a brief report about her trip to Phoenix for the Knights of Columbus National Convention.

Fr. Jerry's Comments: St. Vincent De Paul Celebration will be September 28 at 6:30 p.m.

Joan Neighbors has been hired as the new Office Assistant for HS. She is not taking a salary. She is working 10 hours a week.

Fr. Jerry suggested the possibility of starting a HS Garden Club. The landscaping at our new location could be divided into sections where a family or individual could volunteer to maintain that section. This would come under the Buildings and Grounds Committee.

It has been suggested by a representative of WKU that Holy Spirit Church participate in Faith and Family Day at WKU. It would require getting a group together to attend a ball game or other activities at WKU. If this activity is pursued this would come under the Community Spirit Committee.

There has been a lot of discussion about health care and it would be wonderful if everyone in the United States could have health care. Fr. Jerry explained the position of the Catholic Church in regard to abortion and euthanasia. Also, he expressed his concern about Catholic institutions and Catholics having a choice not to perform certain procedures. This is being referred to as the "Conscience Clause". The original reason Catholic hospitals were established in this country was because immigrants were not provided health care.

There has been interest expressed in establishing a Farmers Market at Parkside. Brian Cambren volunteered to get some information.

Fr. Jerry requested the PC read an article in the September 2009 issue of Today's Parish Minister entitled "Why Catholics Don't Share Their Faith". The article is about ways to become more confident in sharing your faith.

Bob asked for volunteers for Scripture reading at the October meeting, Lori Lewis and Bobbie Shanahan volunteered.

Bob gave his closing remarks by pointing out the important dates listed on the agenda.

It was the consensus that the next PC meeting would be Sunday, October 11th at 12:45 p.m. because so many Council members were to be away for Fall Break, the first Monday of the month.

The meeting was adjourned with a group prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Liles