

Holy Spirit Parish Pastoral Council

February 3rd, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Present: Chris Munsterteiger, Mark Meyer, Kevin Nurre, Fr. Dave, Mary Wingerter, Kate Triplett, Barbara Doughty, Keith Hollenback, Logan Good, Paul Boland, Fr. Schlosser.

1. Opening Prayer: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23 was read by Logan. Discussion was followed by the Prayer to the Holy Spirit.
2. December 2nd minutes were approved by consensus.
3. Family Promise Update: Kate reported that three of the January 11th families did not show up on Sunday. A family arrived Monday with an immune compromised child, almost like fate. Volunteers were phenomenal, numerous, excited and engaged. Food was pouring out of the refrigerator. There were some things to change. On the 4th week they are full with 13 people (3 families). The first family now has a house. Another will move out Friday. It is humbling to see how it is working. The director is doing wonderful. They hired a half time case manager also and two part time van drivers. February 28th is a fundraiser called "Comfort Food Classic" to benefit Family Promise. There was discussion about a back-up volunteer list to use if other churches are low on volunteer staff. Also mentioned was Veritus training for the overnight staff.
4. Stewardship Talks in January and February: Father Schlosser reported that the Missoula speaker had to back out, so the Newmans spoke. Next week will be Aubrey and Cindy regarding stewardship with education/formation. They will have a giving tree on the way out.
5. Picture Directory Discussion: Mary has spoken with LifeTouch. She had questions about when we would hold it. Staff was thinking maybe fall. Fort Shaw and Cascade will do theirs separately. Mark gave support for a spring one. Paige and Collette may be contacted. Kevin volunteered his help. The topic was tabled for further discussion. Check to see how much notice is needed for them to be here.
6. Fat Tuesday: Mark made a call list with 115 new members since February 2014. Each council member was given a group to call and invite. Pastoral Council will have printed name tags. Nice hand-writers will be at the table. The 8th graders from Holy Spirit will set up and decorate. Pastoral Council will serve and clean up. It was recommended that council also provide large bowls of salad. Chris will call Sysco for pricing or go with brats and dogs. Lemonade will be used as the beverage.
7. Staffing Issues: Larry Gilbault is retiring his half time position. The parish will look for a RCIA-marriage prep-study groups-young adult ministry employee. Responsibilities may be juggled within the current staff first, and then a job posted for what is not covered. There may be need for another half position. The music director is still not filled.
8. Update on Ft. Shaw and Cascade: Fr. Dave reported that every week more people are showing up. The youth programs are growing. Fr. Schlosser said that we are still assessing what the financial impact will be on Holy Spirit. They are looking at adding a daily Mass once a week.

9. Tools for Rebuilding "Sacramental Tools": Fr. Schlosser explained our current team for baptismal preparation and what they do. There was discussion about jumping through hoops versus the deep discussions about spirituality and community building opportunities for parents. The priests shared their side of the reconciliation service. Anointing of the Sick is going well as is. There is a healing with each one. Mass intentions and funerals were also reviewed. "Kids and Student Tools" is reading for next month.

10. Administrator's Report: There was a decrease of 3% on the collections compared to last December. The fiscal year is about 6% less than last year so far. **In 2014** 1,178 registered households had 732 give 'something' in regular collection (62.1%) for a total of \$701,800. That is an average of \$958 per giver per year. 253 families gave the average amount. Finance Council has asked about new parishioners and their giving. There were 121 families registered last year. Of those, 66 gave (54%) for \$21,300 total. The total contributions (all three funds) were from 748 contributors. Expenses are over budget, primarily \$12,000 on the parking lot that was not in the budget. Water damage also goes over the insurance by \$7,000.

11. Commission Reports: Worship Commission - Barbara reported on discussion about the Reconciliation Service and Eucharistic Minister training. Christian Service Commission meets next week. Education Commission did not meet.

12. Thank-you cards: Newmans, Christmas Tableau help.

13. Prayer to Close.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Doughty