

Holy Spirit Parish Pastoral Council

April 14, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Present: Father Schlosser, Conn McKelvey, Mark Meyer, Father Wilkins, Pat Cahill, Keith Holleback, Kate Triplett, Barbara Doughty

1. Opening Prayer: 1 John 2: 1-5 was read by Kate. Discussion was followed by the Prayer to the Holy Spirit.
2. Approval of the March 3, 2015 minutes was reached by consensus.
3. Family Promise Update and Discussion: Kate reported that all churches have hosted once. Corpus Christi is no longer hosting, as they did not have enough people volunteer. There is another church interested in taking those weeks. There has been a lot of interest from around the region, and it has been largely teenagers in families. They are working on more grants and applying to United Way. It is going very well. Nearly 20 churches are involved with 12 host churches.
4. Picture Directory Discussion: To give us time to coordinate a crew, we decided to postpone the directory until this fall. Please ask around for volunteers for a coordinating committee. It needs to be in the bulletin also. Kate suggested that Father mention it at the end of Mass. Father will also follow up with Mary Wingerter.
5. Continued Discussion of Use of Holy Spirit Church: Mark reported that he didn't get a policy written yet. What is the impact on the Mission? There was discussion about the positive impact of opening the space to the public. The concern of charging admission was discussed with suggestion to have pre-purchased tickets only for events at the church. Consider complimentary tickets for a certain number of parishioners. Ask the Diocese for opinion, consider clean-up/use fee to cover snow removal and refreshments. Consider a larger deposit versus charging a fee. Remember 'Sacred Space'. Consensus was to move forward.
6. Staffing Issues: Father Schlosser reported on shifting responsibilities between current staff. Many are able to cover some of Larry's roles, but a .5-1.0 FTE is still needed for music director. Aubrey will increase to a 1.0 FTE next year. Cindy currently is a 1.0 FTE.
7. Updates on Services at Ft. Shaw and Cascade: Father Wilkins said, "What a blessing." He reviewed each community and the need to increase lay ministry. Kids are volunteering to be servers and Eucharistic Ministers. There is need to help the poor and those in nursing homes.
8. New Members for Council: There will be need for three members to fill the seats of Teresa O'Connell, Larry Ginnaty and Barbara Doughty. Suggestions were Kerri Leggett, Ryan Bowman, Stephanie Ferres, Theresa O'Neill. Please prayerfully think of those who would be good additions and ask them if you can submit their names for Pastoral Council.

9. "Tools for ReBUILDing: Money Tools" was discussed. Father reported on Easter envelopes and then the discussion moved to changing envelopes for Vision to Retired Religious as our CBA has increased significantly. Father Wilkins asked if things are set up to do SmartPhone deposits directly to bank accounts. Mark Meyer said that he will find out.

10. Administrator's Report: Envelope collections average of the last three months is up 7.5% over the last year, but still below the budget by \$16K. Loose change accounted for \$10K of the collection for the last three months. Care and Share is \$110K and we now have \$12K in pledges and \$21K collected by last month. Father will remind the parish in June, so that we don't end up taking it out of the operating budget at the end of the year. A letter will go out to those who did not pledge Vision or Care and Share this next month. Bids are not in yet for the painting and roofing of the Artz house.

11. Appreciative Inquiries: Pat shared two. Highlights were assistance with passing of a parent, the environment, Jesus on the cross, always feeling welcome and included, happy people, holding hands at the Our Father. The suggestion was for a Prayer Path on church grounds.

12. Commission Reports:

a. Religions Formation - Pat reported on the February meeting. They discussed the need to get a picture of the entire education needs from birth to death. Office assistant for Faith Formation staff was recommended. Assessment has begun to help with next year's plan. Living the Eucharist had 100 participants. The Valentine's dinner had 30 couples and the Marriage Conference had 20 couples.

b. Worship Commission - There was in depth discussion about Liturgy and how it follows Church doctrine. The commission will look at the Constitution guiding Liturgy in the upcoming year.

c. Christian Service - No one had attended the last meeting who was present at Pastoral Council.

13. Thank you cards: Mary Dupuis and the Three Deacons.

14. Closing Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Doughty