

Holy Spirit Parish Pastoral Council

September 1, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Present: Father Dick Schlosser, Father Dave Wilkins, Deacon Mark Zenner, Paul Boland, Pat Cahill, Dawn Clutter-Collins, Keith Hollenbeck, Keri Leggett, Kathy Malby, Conn McKelvey, Chris Munsterteiger, Kevin Nurre, Kate Triplett

Absent: Logan Good

1. Opening Prayer: Kathy read ?. Discussion was followed by the Prayer to the Holy Spirit.
2. Approval of June 1st minutes was made by consensus.
3. Welcome New Council Members. Introductions of all members were made.
4. Beginning Experience. Terry Reavley presented information regarding "Beginning Experience" which is a peer ministry that provides closure on the past and renewed hope for the future. The weekend is a Friday evening to Sunday afternoon program for adults grieving the loss of a love relationship through death, divorce or separation, who are ready to come to terms with their loss and begin to move forward with their lives. The group would like to expand to Great Falls by starting in the fall of 2016. Terry requested that our parish consider sponsoring the program by providing funds to start. The grand total for training materials would be \$1362.00. Council members decided to take the information home for review and make the final decision next month.
5. Picture Directory Update: Pictures are going well. There are 2 weeks left with the possibility of adding another week. If parish members are unable to have their pictures taken, they can send a digital picture from home to be included in the directory. There are several prisoners in assisted living. Mark will check into making arrangements with a photographer and the assisted living centers so as many people as possible can be included in the directory.
6. Policy for Facility Use: There was further discussion on worship area vs. sanctuary. The policy captures what the council discussed last spring. Mark will finalize the policy and make it available to those wishing to use the facility.

7. Staffing: Staffing changes have been finalized. Aubrey Reardon is full time (DRE, Youth Ministry and Young Adult Ministry). Mary Wingerter is the Volunteer Coordinator. Deacon Bill will take Marriage Prep, RCIA, Missions, Retreats and Adult Formation.
8. Parish Picnic: The picnic is set for September 13. There is concern about having a combined mass because it may cause confusion with our many new families and members. The consensus was to not have a combined mass and hold the picnic at noon, after the 11:00 am mass. There will be a ministry fair at the picnic. Set-up, cooking and clean-up was discussed.
9. Recycling Program: We are currently receiving almost no money or none at all for the product that is being turned into Pacific Recycling. Steel Etc, will pay some, but not a lot. Because our recycling program was never intended to be a money maker, the consensus was to continue recycling but switch to Steel Etc., and let the volunteer making the drop-off keep any money that is paid out. We also discussed educating the parish on the purpose of our recycling program.
10. Tithing Loose Collection: There was further discussion on utilizing the loose collection for local charities and community needs. It was suggested that "Beginning Experience" would be a very tangible opportunity.
11. Update on Services at Fort Shaw and Cascade: The communities are continually thanking Father Dick and Father Dave for building a stronger parish. They are very happy with the arrangement.
12. Administrator's Report: Mark provided details regarding the end-of year financial response. We have had a 7% monthly increase in collection from the previous year.
13. October Meeting Agenda: Father Dick, Father Dave and Deacon Mark will all be gone. We will plan to have our regular meeting but include a workshop that Father Dick will arrange.
14. Appreciative Inquires: Pat reported on his inquires within the parish.
15. Commission Reports: There were no commission reports.
16. Thank you cards: Bob Maronick, Marv Thompson, Bob McNamee

17. Closing Prayer

Respectfully submitted,

Keri Leggett