

Holy Spirit Parish Pastoral Council

October 3rd, 2017

Present: Fr. Doug Krings, Dawn Clutter-Collins, Greg Matsko, Mark Meyer,
Pat Cahill, Kathie Malby, Ryan Bowman, Elaine Becker, Lori Durocher

1. Opening prayer per Fr. Doug - "Prayer To Holy Spirit"
2. Approved meeting minutes from September 5, 2017
3. "Formed" Symbolon segment was reviewed. Fr. Doug encourages all to watch the "Formed" series. Discussion followed
4. Parish Picnic highs and lows were reviewed. Suggested improvements included: establish start and end times, redistribute the A-Z desert/salad assignments, specify who is in charge i.e. Grill Master, Set-up Chief, Tear-down Chief, Kitchen Queen, etc.
5. Small Group meeting is scheduled for October 11th at 7pm (?) All "Strength Finders" are completed.
6. Tithing Loose Collection was given to the teachers of Holy Spirit School last month. This month it will be given to St. Vincent for use by the Thursday morning homeless outreach. Future use suggestions included: Veteran's Grace Home, visiting African children's choir, Ft. Peck homeless, Jamie Teton (our scheduled lent program speaker).
7. Diocese Lawsuit mediation talks broke down but will hopefully resume soon. Pray for resolution and that individual parishes will be excluded from settlement.
8. Administrator Report per Mark - Income has increased approximately 7% over last year (FY) at this time. Inspection of the St. Peter and St. Paul property is done and we are awaiting the report which will enable decisions on how the building will fit into a new parish master plan. It is not likely that the property will be used for a parish school as originally anticipated.
9. "For the Good of the Parish" was addressed by Kathie who had a request from a parishioner to have Fr. Doug's homilies published on the website. Fr. Doug will consider this suggestions but it is noted that this is easier said than done.

10. Pat mentioned that rosary participation is increasing prior to the 8:30 and 4:30 Masses.

11. Commission Reports :

Religious Formation – limited meeting briefly discussed formation Opportunities

Worship – working toward a uniform, higher quality, substantial bread to eliminate crumb and will be reviewed again in six months, psalms of the day need to be incorporated into music form, quiet time prior to the 8:30 Mass is being designated for contemplative prayer and possible exposition of the Eucharist, the adoration schedule needs to be condensed and revamped to be successful. Fr. Doug and Mary Dupis are working together on these issues.

Christian Service – meeting time has been changed to ½ hour before the parish council meeting time, the fellowship dinner is having some challenges which may be alleviate with more help and this is being addressed

12. Update on the Great Falls Catholic School System will be given in the future per Fr. Doug or Fr. Dick

13. Thank You Cards will be sent to Chuck for his help with the Parish Picnic and to Bill and Sly for their help at the Family Promise House.

14. Next meeting will be November 7th, 2017.

15. Closing prayer to the Blessed Trinity

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine Becker