

Holy Spirit Parish Pastoral Council

December 5th, 2017

Present: Fr. Doug Krings, Lori Durocher, Dawn Clutter-Collins, Mark Meyer, Kirsten Dige, Elaine Becker, Kathie Malby, Pat Cahill

1. Opening prayer per Fr. Doug - "Prayer To Holy Spirit"
2. Eric Bloomgren, Chairmen for the Transitional Board for Consolidation of GF Catholic Schools summarized the status of the consolidation. A letter was received from Bishop Warfel stating "not to move forward" at this time. Eric further stated that the budget is "tight" at both elementary schools, an "alliance" is forming with Holy Spirit and the high school, one system would increase efficiency and avoid double costs in many areas, and that OLL has not been fully interested in consolidation efforts thus far. Impediments to school consolidation were discussed.
3. Minutes from the November 7th meeting were approved.
4. The *Symbolon* section on "knowing the Faith, part 2," "The Faith Journey" of the Formed program was reviewed and discussed.
5. The quest for new council members was discussed. Fr. Doug will approach former candidates to see if they are still interested, and offer the position as indicated.
6. Administrative report was presented by Mark. He updated the council on how the diocese lawsuit may affect individual parishes. The Parish Council is in support of the Finance Committee decision to pay down the building loan in hopes of early pay off – this plan is pending judicial approval. The Parish Council will postpone issuing a statement that parishioner contributions are given for the purpose of parish use in loan repayment. This is to avoid animosity or cause any delay in negotiations of the lawsuit.
7. Dawn presented the "small group" update. Judy Held is leading the discussion on Strength Finding. Fr. Doug asked if this will be applicable to parish use in the long term. Current small group members feel this will be a starting point for "renew" type groups parish wide.
8. Commission Reports –
Religious Formation is working on the new bible study group, upcoming parish mission, and Deacon Pete's program goals and needs to follow-up

with education on rosary use, scapula's, and the book Perfectly Yourself.
Worship discussed Mass time changes for the holy season and the use of
substantial bread.

Christian Service is working on involvement of parishioners in social justice
programs, and would like to focus on grief resolution groups.

9. Thank you cards were not sent this month.
10. The positive effectiveness of the parish mission was discussed briefly.
11. Closing prayer was led by Fr. Doug.

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine Becker