

Holy Spirit Parish Pastoral Council

January 9th, 2018

Present: Fr. Doug Krings, Lori Durocher, Dawn Clutter-Collins, Mark Meyer, Kirsten Dige, Elaine Becker, Kathie Malby, Pat Cahill, Kaci Allen, Keith Hollembeck, Greg Matsko, Scott Held

1. Opening prayer
2. Ryan Bowman is requesting to resign from the council for personal reasons. His resignation is accepted.
3. Minutes from the December 5th meeting were approved.
4. The *Symbolon* section on "Knowing the Faith" was reviewed and discussed.
5. Plans for our annual "Fat Tuesday"/Mardi Gras dinner were discussed. Prepared pulled pork, will be ordered by Mark, and served. Elaine will invite the GFHS Jazz Band to once again entertain. All council members are assigned a list of new parishioners to invite by phone (a follow-up call is also suggested). Further planning will continue at our next meeting.
6. Stewardship weekends were discussed as redundant of our fall stewardship appeal. Fr. Doug suggested that we confine the stewardship presentations and appeal to one weekend in the fall. The council was in agreement.
7. Administrative Report was presented per Mark. A substantial payment was made on the building loan as previously discussed. Approximately 1.5 million remains on a 15 year/ 4 ½ % loan with payments at approximately \$11,000/month. Parish financial projection is for a 4% increase over last year. Update presented on the diocesan lawsuit, which now includes 14 parishes. The parishes have hired an attorney. Questions regarding ownership of property, and parishes, remain unanswered. Some council members disagree with the handling of the lawsuit.
8. Small Group - They are currently defining individual strengths. This will allow people to serve in the capacity that best uses their talents and meets the needs of the parish. Small group is a work in progress. The end result is to have small groups develop, and grow into an actively engaged parish.
9. Commission Reports - Christian Service is developing a "Grief Support Group", Worship meets next week January 16th at 7pm, Religious Formation also has an upcoming meeting.

10. Tithing money will be discussed at next month's meeting. We already have this month's money delegated.
11. Thank You cards – a sympathy card will be sent to Logan Good on the loss of his mother.
12. Closing prayer to the Trinity was led by Fr. Doug.

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine Becker