

Holy Spirit Parish Pastoral Council

May 1st , 2018

Present: Fr. Doug Krings, Mark Meyer, Dawn Clutter-Collins, Pat Cahill, Logan Good, Elaine Becker, Keith Hollenbeck, Kirsten Dige

1. Opening prayer to the Holy Spirit led by Fr. Doug
2. Minutes from the March 6th meeting were approved.
3. Review of the *Formed Symbolon* program “Sword of the Spirit” The Catholic Faith Explained
4. Living Your Strengths small group report – Judy Held has 11 people signed up to begin the 5 week program. There are also groups already scheduled to begin in the fall.
5. Joy of the Gospel/Pastoral Plan – included discussion on hospitality outreach to new members with early personal contact. Mary Dupuis will be asked to place a bulletin request for a Welcoming Committee to meet this need. Parish Council members will be given name tags to help parishioners identify them as contact resources. Reword **Goal 2B** regarding our current successful use of technology – Mark will get numbers on utilization of the *Formed* program. **2C** regarding evangelization is now met through bible studies, Living Your Faith, and reciting the rosary before many Masses. **2D the** Parish Mission should reflect 2018 update. **Goal 3A-D** to include objective of empowering Commissions with power to carry out the Pastoral Plan, reevaluate short and long term goals of the Commissions, work of the Commissions needs to reflect the Pastoral Plan. **3E** the comment box on the website needs to be updated. **Goal 4** Ongoing work to consolidate Great Falls Catholic schools with a current short term goal of 2 elementary schools with one board.
6. Administrative Report was presented by Mark. Recent maintenance at the Monsignor House included \$4,000 to insulate the stack. Maintenance is currently over budget and is funded through capital expenditures. The diocesan lawsuit is being settled at 20 million and will require parishes to cooperate and participate in meeting this settlement. Staffing changes were announced. Mary Dupuis will retire from her position September 1st

and Deacon Pete will be filling a position with the dioceses. These huge vacancies may require some staffing reconstruction.

7. Commission Reports –

Christian Service has had good success with the new Grief and Bereavement meetings. They have been well attended and rapidly growing.

Worship Committee reviewed Holy Week changes which were seen both as negative and positive.

8. Thank you cards – Dawn will bring cards to the next meeting.

9. Closing prayer to the Trinity was led by Fr. Doug.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Becker