

## Holy Spirit Parish Pastoral Council

February 5, 2019

**Present:** Greg Matsko, Dave Glaeske, Mark Meyer, Lori Durocher, Jeremiah Harris, Keith Hollenbeck, Scott Held

1. The meeting was opened with the prayer to the Holy Spirit.
2. The minutes for the January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 meeting were approved with the correction to add Jeremiah Harris as also present at the meeting.
3. “Formed” discussion: “Symbolon: Knowing the Faith” Session 4 “The Story of Salvation” Part 1 was viewed and discussed.
4. Discussion was held about Mardi Gras on March 5. The Pastoral Council currently provides two events to the parish; Mardi Gras and the Pastoral Picnic. The worship committee leader suggested to Mark that they were interested in having a picnic on our feast day in June and were interested in involving the Pastoral Council. Discussion was held whether to continue the plan for Mardi Gras and Parish Picnic and add a feast day picnic or replace Mardi Gras with the feast day picnic. Representatives from the council to the worship committee reported that the feast day picnic had not been discussed at the last worship committee meeting. The council decided to proceed with Mardi Gras as usual and leave the opportunity open to discuss involvement in a feast day picnic for later discussion. Planning for Mardi Gras was discussed. Mark will arrange for the pulled pork, hot dogs, and coleslaw. Decorations and placemats, and sign-up were discussed. Mark will contact the school about placemats from the students. Set-up and cooking will start at 4:00. Because many of the members were absent, Jeremiah will send an e-mail to council members to finalize arrangements for set-up, clean-up, decorations, cooking, and ways to announce the event to parish members. Council members will bring a salad or dessert.
5. Mark reported on the school consolidation. The name for the consolidated school has been announced, school tuition will be a standardized increase across the board, and a FACTS system will be used to estimate each family’s actual tuition costs based on income. This system is similar to the system used in the Billings schools.
6. Members were reminded to sign up for the council Living Your Strength group. Some members who have expressed interest have conflicts at this time but plan to sign up later. There has been a good response to the Bible Study on James.
7. Administrator’s report: At the last meeting it was decided that Mark would produce a graph to place in the bulletin to give members of the parish a quick visual of the financial status of the parish. Mark is working on the best tool to use to show the financial needs of the parish. A simple graph using either numbers or averages does not accurately show the need that the council wishes to be depicted.
8. Commission Reports: **Religious Formation** continues to meet on an as needed basis. **Worship Commission** report was given by Dave. The Bishop has requested that all parishes use either hosts only or substantial bread only and, in the future, the parish will distribute hosts only because it is easier to give by mouth and is more reverent by not

producing crumbs, which must be consumed. Positive responses were received on the Advent wreath, Christmas Eve mass celebration, and the placement of the Holy Family. Discussion continues regarding the placement of the creche. **Christian Service Commission** continues to focus on the Bereavement Support meetings. The council representative who attended the last meeting was not present and an updated report was not available. The next meeting is February 19 at 6 pm.

9. A Thank-you card was given to Father Doug to show our appreciation for his time and dedication to fulfilling the spiritual needs of the parish.
10. The Parish Council meeting for March falls on the day of Mardi Gras and will be postponed until April.
11. The meeting concluded with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Durocher and Dave Glaeske