

Holy Spirit Parish Pastoral Council

March 25th, 2019

Present: Fr. Doug Krings, Dave Glaeske, Dawn Clutter-Collins, Mark Meyer, Kirsten Dige, Logan Good, Colleen Davis-Ryan, Elaine Becker, Scott Held, Jeremiah Harris, Keith Hollenback

1. The meeting was opened by Fr. Doug leading us in prayer to the Holy Spirit.
2. **Minutes** of the February 5th, 2019 meeting were approved.
3. The **Symbolon** program Formed: *The Story of Salvation* was viewed and briefly discussed.
4. The **Mardi Gras** celebration was a success this year with approximately 155 in attendance. Suggestions for next year included; new decorations, more serving spoons, and the possibility of live music (Keith's son will be in the CMR Jazz Band next year and may be a good lead).
5. An update on **school consolidation** was presented. The new Holy Trinity school board has already decided to increase tuition according to the "FAST" system, and combine the fundraiser of all three schools. The need for a goal oriented business plan and spiritual direction was discussed.
6. **Small group studies** are reviewed. Fr. Doug stated that the St. James bible study is an excellent presentation and that approximately 85 people have been attending. Dawn is once again encouraging council participation in the Living Your Strengths program. A Living Your Strengths "Reunion" will be held the fourth Wednesday of the month at 7pm.
7. It was decided to use the **Tithing-Loose collections** to support the St. Dismiss Ministry and the Neighbor In Need program.
8. **Administrator's Report** – Mark informed the council that the hard winter has resulted in leaking pipes, leaking roofs, and general ice damage to buildings. Every effort has been made to keep parking lots and walk ways safe. Financial report regarding anticipated decrease in income was related to reports of general decreases in revenue for all non-profits this year and lower personal tax refunds for many people.
9. Commission Reports: **Religious Formation** has no report at this time, **Worship Commission** has been working on changes in the celebration of the Triduum, increase in the use of lilies for Easter, moving to singing the

Our Father, revamping the Eucharistic Ministers program, promoting Stations of the Cross during lent and the Divine Mercy presentations, and the reconciliation service will be April 11th at 6 pm. Dave presented the plans of the Knights of Columbus to place holy water fonts at both side doors and initiate a respect life pledge and prayer campaign. **Christian Service Commission** continues to sponsor the highly successful Bereavement Support meetings and are looking at ways to extend the program to the community, extend invites to the newly bereaved, and consider offering a support group for divorce.

10. **Thank you cards** were sent to Mark Simmons (retiring from the finance committee), Shirley Wilson and Irene Kelly (help with the Mardi Gras dinner), Holy Spirit students (for making the artistic placemats), and the dapper young man (for atmosphere and general help).
11. **Pentecost picnic/Holy Spirit celebration** ideas were well received but several questions remain such as the role of the council, and issues of overlap with the fall picnic and Mardi Gras dinner. Further discussion will await Aubrey's presentation at the next meeting.
12. The **next meeting** of the Parish Council is scheduled for May 7th, at 7pm.
13. Fr. Doug concluded the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine Becker