

Holy Spirit Parish Pastoral Council

May 7th, 2019

Present: Fr. Doug Krings, Dave Glaeske, Dawn Clutter-Collins, Mark Meyer, Kirsten Dige, Colleen Davis-Ryan, Elaine Becker, Aubrey Reardon, Gregg Matsko

1. The meeting was opened with the prayer to the Holy Spirit.
2. Minutes of the March 25th, 2019 meeting were approved.
3. Aubrey presented the proposed plans for a parish feast day celebration on Pentecost. Some ideas include a Friday (June 7th) BINGO night, Saturday (June 8th) outdoor movie, and Sunday (June 9th) parish picnic – which would replace the fall parish picnic. The parish council is in support of this celebration and change in the season for the picnic.
4. There was discussion and update on the school consolidation. The school board will not have an overriding board as previously purposed. The council is looking for a vision and /or goal statement from the board. The school board is in need of a financial commitment from Holy Spirit Parish. There are numerous concerns regarding the sustainability of the consolidated school system. The next consolidated School board meeting is scheduled for May 21st at CCHS and open to the public.
5. Another priest may be joining the staff on a part-time basis. Fr. Doug feels that the priest in consideration would be a good fit for the parish and provide some much needed assistance. Fr. Doug will remain the pastor and continue having the final decision on direction of the parish.
6. Mark reports that we are approximately \$30,000 below the budget at this time. Someone may be speaking soon at Mass to address the parish need for increased income. Care and Share, Priest Retirement, and other special collections are all falling short. Mark has been running a corner message in the weekly bulletin reporting income and shortages to keep parishioners aware of the financial situation
7. Small Group Studies report was presented by Dawn. Fr. Oliver did do a presentation recently for the “Strengths” group. New group formation is ongoing and it is hopeful that this will pick up soon. Fr. Doug announced a

Marian Study group that will begin 33 days preceding the Assumption (sometime in July).

8. Kirsten mentioned that the large crucifix, in the front of the altar, is in need of dusting. Mark said upcoming scheduled maintenance may be able to include this cleaning.
9. Commission Reports: Christian Service is continuing to meet the needs of parishioners through the Bereavement program. They are looking at new avenues to grow this ministry. The Worship and Religious Formation committees have just finished the work of the Easter season.
10. Administrator's Report: The next meeting is very close to the rapidly approaching parish picnic to be held on Pentecost. Several parish council members will be unable to attend the events of the feast day celebration. Dave has volunteered the help of the K of C. Mark will do the shopping as per usual. People will be contacted by e-mail in the near future to line up the needed help and assist with plans.
11. After 4 years, Dawn has resigned her position on the parish council. Fr. Doug thanked her for her service. Dawn is looking forward to focusing on her work with the Living Your Strength small groups.
12. The next meeting of the Parish Council is scheduled for June 4th, at 7pm.
13. The meeting was closed with prayer led by Fr. Doug.

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine Becker