

## Holy Spirit Parish Pastoral Council

January 7, 2020

Present: Fr. Doug Krings, Gregg Matsko, Dave Glaeske, Lori Durocher, Colleen Ryan, Dawn Clutter-Collins, Gina Hansen, Marquita Cheary, Kirsten Dige, Mark Meyer

1. The meeting opened with the prayer to the Holy Spirit.
2. Minutes of the December meeting were approved with a change in Marquita's last name to Cheary and change the spelling of Gina's name to Hansen.
3. Loose collections for January will go to Youth Resource Center. Charities for future loose collections are Family Promise and Childbridge. Discussion was held regarding the amount of money given to loose collection and whether consideration is taken for families who place money in the collection regularly instead of using envelopes. Fr. Doug explained that it is our obligation to give to charities and the amount of money given for loose collection does not cause us to have difficulty paying our bills. An average of 10% of the loose collection goes to loose collection and the remaining amount goes to the church budget.
4. The search for new members continues. We are still in need of 2 male members.
5. Mardi Gras will be February 25. Dawn talked to Mrs. O'Neil about decorations and placemats, and Mrs. Shrainer about music. She is looking into being able to provide music. Other considerations for music Patrick Ryan and his wife, Cody, or Hector Pitstick. Greg talked to Aubrey and Cody about Bingo and that is on hold for now and will be used as a back-up if we are unable to get someone to play music. The parish will provide pulled pork and hot dogs again and others will be divided by the alphabet to bring salads and desserts. We discussed a call-list again this year. It was suggested to send out invitations to new members prior to calling them. Kirsten recommended including our web page link in the invitation. It was also suggested to add Mardi Gras to the Parish web site and Facebook. We will use the sign and marbles for a count again. We will follow-up at the February meeting.
6. School consolidation was discussed. Dawn attended the meeting and reported on the Finance Council's decision that they don't want to take on more risk. The finance council is requesting contributions from the Diocese, other city parishes. They are also requesting the board develop a clear understanding of a goal and vision. The school consolidation board is planning to go back to basics at the next meeting which is January 21, and everyone is encouraged to attend. The evening will start with Mass at 5:15, followed by a potluck and the meeting. The Catholic schools' fundraiser is coming up and the split will be 1/3 for each school. Council members are encouraged to be a part of the fundraiser.
7. Our Finance Council is requesting that a member be present at all board meetings.
8. Administrators report. Several staff changes are being evaluated for this spring.
  - a. Nick is deployed and will return in October.
  - b. Fr. Garrett will return at Easter.

- c. Cody will start student teaching and will be stepping down from faith formation and music.
  - d. Aubrey's duties will be rearranged to decrease some of her duties.
  - e. Mark is planning to retire this spring. This has not been publicly announced yet. We will be looking for his replacement.
9. Commission reports- Religious formation has not met. Worship commission will meet January 20, and the Christian Service Commission is working on re-grouping. Cindy sent out e-mails to parishioners to get volunteers to meet for the year and re-establish the commission. The bereavement group continues to meet regularly, and the divorce group will start again in February.
10. Misc.-Dawn has been selected to the executive committee of the diocesan pastoral council. Thank-you cards will be sent at the February meeting to Aubrey and Cody for the environment decorations for Advent and Christmas.
11. Our next meeting will be February 4 at 7:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Durocher