

Holy Spirit Parish Pastoral Council

September 10th, 2019

Present: Fr. Doug Krings, Gregg Matsko, Lori Durocher, Colleen Ryan, Fr. Garrett Nelson, Mark Meyer, Elaine Becker, Kristen Dige, Dawn Clutter-Collins

1. The **meeting was opened** by Fr. Doug with the prayer to the Holy Spirit.
2. **Fr. Garrett was introduced** and members introduced to him.
3. **Minutes were approved** from the last meeting on June 4th, 2019.
4. There are **4 positions currently open on the Council**. One person has been nominated (GH), we need a younger member or two, if possible a person to represent the ethnic demographic of the parish, and a bulletin note to draw interest and inform parishioners of the parish council's function. Several suggestions were presented. The nominated member will be invited to the next meeting.
5. The **Diocesan Parish Council** meeting update was presented by Dawn. Bishop Warfel will travel to Rome in 2020 with a report of our diocesan activity to be presented to the Holy Father. Recommendations from throughout the diocese were gathered for the report. Other topics discussed at the meeting included: common data core, Care and Share as a true appeal vs portioned assessment, the deacons role in the diocese, the meaning of the Stewardship Committee, individual parish financial reviews, and the deposit/loan program of the diocese. Dawn will continue her membership serving as a parish council member in order to continue her membership representing us on the Diocesan Council.
6. The **Parish Pentecost Celebration** was well attended and well received. The next celebration is anticipated to improve with more time to schedule and plan for helpful involvement.
7. The process of **School Consolidation** has stagnated. Update and discussion followed. A completely new location may be necessary for unification. There is an essential need for a spiritual director in all Catholic schools.
8. Mark reports that the **Fiscal Year 2019** closes out with collections 3.6% lower than last year while the building fund came in higher than expected.

The highs and lows of income resulted in an overall \$16,000 shortfall. It was a hard year for the community. With all of this considered, Fr. Doug stated that the parish has done fairly well.

9. **Commission Reports:** Worship is scheduled to meet next Tuesday at 7pm unless the many conflicting meetings require rescheduling. Religious Formation has not met in a long time and meetings need to resume. Christian Service continues to have a strong Bereavement program, is starting a Divorce ministry, and also needs to resume meetings of the commission itself.
10. **Cards from the Council** were sent in sympathy to Pat Cahill's family and in thanks to Aubrey and Cody on the BINGO program.
11. Gregg mentioned that the council needs to keep working on **engaging people and new energy** in the parish.
12. The **meeting was closed** with prayer led by Fr. Doug.
13. **The next meeting of the Parish Council is scheduled for October 8th at 7pm.**

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine Becker