

Holy Spirit Parish Christian Service Commission

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 19, 2020

6:30-7:30 pm on Zoom

CSC Mission: Share God's love through action, education, and community building.

GOALS

1. Encourage all parishioners to strive for peace, justice and equality.
2. Provide opportunities for parishioners to share their God-given gifts with individuals coping with difficult situations
3. Educate parishioners about Catholic social justice.
4. Build community partnerships to better serve others and promote the Kingdom of God

Due to continuing issues with the Corona Virus, we met virtually via Zoom

Present on video: Taffy Cochran Pat Hilgendorf, Dave Stukey and Cindy Eultgen

We opened with Hail Mary and Our Father prayer

There was a discussion of the Phase 2 plan for reopening Montana that was announced today by Governor Bullock.

1. Beginning June 1 –the lifting of a required 14-day quarantine for out-of-state visitors.
2. Allowing restaurants, bars, casinos and breweries to operate at 75 percent capacity, up from 50 percent,
3. Allowing gatherings of up to 50 people, instead of 10, when social-distancing can't always be practiced.

Governor urged caution that health precautions still be taken as what we have achieved can be undone.

Old Business:

Recycling – Dave Stukey stated that after consideration of the circumstances of parishioners, the idea of continuing the recycling as is (and if everyone is still willing to continue) is still a good plan

Community Garden – Cindy let us know that Chris Christiaens is proceeding with plans, along with help and ideas from Royce Shipley and family to plant corn this year. Taffy spoke with Chris at Mass on May 17, 2020 regarding needs for the garden. Chris will still not plant the majority of the garden until after Memorial Day. He is in need of tomato plants and garden soil.

Finance Questions from April 28, 2020 meeting – Cindy will defer this to the next CSC meeting as she did not have the information at her home.

New Business:

Brainstorming of potential CSC members – Pat stated that it would be nice to have a listing of parishioners on other committees so our current group can know who is already serving on other commissions/groups etc. That way we can approach people who are not already committed. Pat also stated that not knowing the younger parishioners makes it difficult to make contact. Cindy suggested we reach out to Jackie Wike,

secretary at Holy Spirit School, I to see if she or others there may have some suggestions. *Taffy will follow up with Jackie.*

Space needed for St. Jude and Pantry – St. Jude is a mission of St. Martin de Porres. Individuals in need reach out to St. Jude through a phone call and are vetted. The volunteers are then given the task of visiting the individuals at home, supplying needed food, toiletries or other necessities and, if necessary, are given assistance via check to help with utilities, rent or other immediate needs. The collection of food items at Mass (Kids n Cans) helps supply St. Jude Pantry. This pantry and meetings for the group were most recently hosted by Corpus Christi Parish. Corpus Christi is no longer able to host, so St. Jude needs a new location. Elaine Becker is the President of this group and has reached out to Holy Spirit for meeting space and a pantry.

The discussion of the St. Jude situation prompted Pat to suggest that the work of this organization be shared with the parishioners of Holy Spirit after Mass or with a talk at the end of Mass by a current volunteer with the program.

Justice in the time of Covid-19 – Cindy suggested that we need to find ways to reach out to the homebound and vulnerable populations at this time as isolation and loneliness can take hold. Perhaps we can reach out with phone calls or through other forms of media. Dave said he had reached out with post cards to our bus drivers to let them know we are still thinking about them. *Pat said she would make some calls if she had a list of homebound and their phone numbers.* Other parishioners might be interested in doing the same.

Dave suggested we update the aging Parish Directory as some of the information is outdated. Taffy thought that we would not necessarily need a formal book with pictures, but perhaps a more informal listing using the parish database?

Cindy was concerned that we needed to bind the community – think of things to help the community come back together. Taffy suggested a Facebook or other session that could happen after Mass – as the online Facebook community was a great way to see who was attending and even see some interaction when we couldn't attend Mass in person.

Suggestion by Dave regarding Sidewalk Clearing – Dave asked if there was a group or property manager for the parish. The reason – he has noticed that the sidewalk east of the building has become overrun with dirt and gravel. He took some personal time to clear some of the sidewalk, but it will be needing even more attention. If we were to get a few people together, it could be cleared in a short time. *Cindy will follow up with Mark and Chuck and get back with the commission members.*

Legislation – Pat suggested that with elections coming up to make sure that parishioners are made aware of pending issues and have literature to make good decisions. She would like to know if we have access to good information for our parish. Cindy said that she had been in contact with Matt Brower at the Catholic Conference who has information available (maybe fliers and pamphlets). *Cindy will forward these resources to the committee.* It was suggested that we could plan to set aside an evening to get information in a non-partisan manner to interest parishioners.

Next meeting is Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at 6:30 pm. We will hopefully be meeting again in the Holy Spirit conference room.