

Church of the Holy Spirit Parish Council

October 26, 2017

Mission Statement

The Mission of the Church of the Holy Spirit is to use our gifts of time, talent, and treasure for the greater honor and glory of God. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and through Jesus in the Eucharist, we strive to develop a strong faith community by worship, education and evangelization.

Meeting Opening

President Da Rubin called the meeting to order a 7:00 pm in the St. Joseph Rom. The mission statement was read and Fr. Houlihan led the group in Prayer. Minutes of the September meeting were discussed, a motion was made to accept them as read, seconded and accepted. The only correction was concerning the meeting schedule for December (see bottom page 2)

In Attendance: Fr. Houlihan, Sue Stevens, Dan Rubin, Joe DiSomma, Carol Tilson, Marcia Schutz, Patti Wynne, Liz Rubin, Brandon Finn, Jim Ulrich, Melicca Carpenter, Cathy Thayer

Absent: Deb Walton

New Business

- Fr. Houlihan and Jim Ulrich went to the diocese to obtain a capital line of credit for approximately \$350K for repairs on the School, Church and Rectory. We currently have loans out for \$700K and \$115K. Larry Welch is preparing a 30-year amortization schedule that will be acceptable to both the diocese and parish. The next meeting will be on November 13.
- Three out of five gift payments from the diocese of \$165K have been given to our Parish for the School. Leaving only 2 more.
- The Bohan family is working with David Ramsey on his financial program.
- A 2-part mailing has been sent out and to all members of the Parish, with a personal invitation to at least the Parish Council and Finance Committee to ask us as leaders to be sure to attend a Stewardship meeting hosted by Fr. Houlihan on Thursday, Nov 2 in the commons.
- There will be a total of 4 short presentations, 1 per month for the next 4 months, describing our resources or Gog-given gifts. The 1st to be made by Fr. Houlihan, the Rubin's will do one weekend, and 2 more couples/individuals will be needed for the final 2 parts. The categories are spiritual, human, financial/material and natural

Old Business

- Fr. Houlihan discussed the success he had with Tom Jorgensen's Stewardship project in Hastings, with an average increase of 40% in 5 years, an overall increase of 5% of donations each year, with a combined total of 83% increase in 17 years.
- Since the \$165K we have received the past 3 years comes from the Joy of the Gospel program, Fr. Houlihan asks that we continue to support this program.

Organizations

PCCW

Christmas bags will be made for the shut-ins that receive Communion for Dec 13
55 and over luncheon will be held on Feb 19th. Mass will be held at 11, with lunch to follow. Menu and entertainment to be announced later.

The proceeds from the rummage sale and Christmas shop will be given to the CHS general fund

Christmas Shop will be the 4 weekends in November only

KoC

Nothing to report

Youth Group/March of Life

God parent program to start on 1st Wednesday in December for Catechistic. Two more couples are needed

Fun get togethers will be held on the 2nd and 4th Sunday's – More volunteers needed

Trunk or Treat will be this upcoming Saturday

There are currently 8 students at a cost of \$450 each that are planning to go to the Walk of Life. Parish Council approved youth Group to have gift wrapping in the commons on black Friday as long as there is not a funeral. They are also planning a soup dinner in December.

CDA Minutes from the October 17th meeting were submitted, this is a small representation of these minutes:

Raffle on the Christmas blanket and Nativity set will start Nov 4

CHS CDA will no longer support seminarians as in the past via group donations.

Gloves, hats, scarves and socks will be collected during November to distributed in December

Nov 18 & 19 is Pecan Pie Sunday. Pecans will also be sold at all Masses, starting the first weekend in November, and continuously after except the weekend after Thanksgiving.

Liturgy

There will be no mass on the eve of Thanksgiving. There will be one at 9 am. Father would like for people to bring food or financial donations to the local food pantry and at the presentation of gifts, each person can deliver their donation to the altar themselves.

Discussions are being held as to the Holiday Services. Christmas Mass times are 5 and 10 pm Christmas Eve and 8 and 1030 am on Christmas Day

40 hours will be the first weekend in December, presented by Msgr. Dan Seeker.

School/Pillars

Over 500 water bottles with SJB labels on them were handed out at Cruzin Main

Linda Monahan requests that the 2018 Stewardship forms be redesigned to include strategic plan items classified via the pillars

The school board is taking ownership of the pillar survivors

Action Items

President Rubin stated we need to be able to determine the status of each plan item. It is understood that the pillar report is updated constantly on the school website, but it does not always represent the full picture, nor is it accessible to all parishioners. Especially items considered as tactical. Milestones need to be set, met and recorded. Some pillars have great movement, but are they getting where they should be? We only have 2 years left, we have to be diligent on our goals.

President Rubin wants to contact Donette Kozeler to schedule 1 pillar survivor to report to PC each month for updates. Marcia Schutz stated that Donette requested a month before this is put into action.

Closing

The meeting ended at 8:30 pm with a final prayer lead by Fr. Houlihan

The November meeting will be held on Wednesday Nov 15, 2017 at 7 pm (St Joseph's Room)

The December meeting will be held on Wednesday Dec 20, 2017 at 7 pm (St Joseph's Room)