

Church of the Holy Spirit Parish Council

January 24, 2018

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

Mike Bridges called the meeting to order at 7pm. in St. Joseph's Room. Fr Houlihan led the Council in prayer.

In Attendance: Fr. Houlihan, Carol Tilson, Patti Wynne, Donette Koelzer, Linda Monahan, Mike Bridges, Patti Lambert, Barb Tomab

Absent: Dan Rubin, Liz Rubin, Joe DiSomma, Deb Walton, Brandon Finn, Melicca Carpenter, Cathy Thayer

Review of Old Business

Safety Security/Mike Bridges reported that the first Security Meeting was held Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2018. A core team has been established and consists of mostly Parishioners who are tied to law enforcement as well as lawyers. To start off, meetings will be every other week. The entire parish grounds will be reviewed to develop a security plan, the first directive is establishing low cost suggestions that can be easily put in place. Mike Bridges has also made available thumb drive recordings of the 8 hr information seminar he attended late last year.

New Business

Yearly statements will be available this weekend in the commons. For those Parishioners who do not have kids in school, and have not contributed, they will not get statements. There are approximately 200 families making zero contributions.

Preparations should begin in February for PC elections.

Updates from Organizations

Evangelization

Carpenter- No report.

PCCW

Patty Lambert reported their last meeting was held 18 Jan 2018, with 8 people attending. Both Patty and Barb Toman are the new co-vice presidents, and at least one of them, if not both, would attend the next meeting.

- A copy of the PCCW mandatory 2017 charitable work survey was presented to the council for review. Not listed was the \$1,100 cost for the alteration of the Sanctuary light. *An electronic copy follows the minutes.*

- Catholic schools week kicks off this Sunday with a potluck luncheon. PCCW is providing the meat, (pulled pork) buns, pizza, and drinks.
- Entertainment for the over 55 Luncheon on 19 February will be Darrell Draper, who is a Theodore Roosevelt re-enactor.
- The next rummage sale dates are March 11-16.
- The spring salad luncheon on Thursday, April 12.
- Discussion of the PCCW purchasing 20 Catholics survival kits for \$5 each will be discussed at the next meeting which is to be held on February 15.

Catholic Daughters

CD did not meet this month due to cold weather. They are working on organization a donation for Scott Koelzer and his SP pillar committee to use with the Catholic Survival Kits.

Knights of Columbus

No report.

Liturgy

Joe DiSomma is working on the annual St. Joseph Altar Drive, which will be March 2-18. .

School Advisory/Strategic Planning

Linda Monahan related that they are trying to focus on creating various clubs to build connections and camaraderie between students, staff, parents and Parishioners. SJB is also coordinating with the public schools to give our students the opportunity to access programs we do not have.

-The team is working on compiling a survey using “survey monkey”. It will be 100% anonymous.

-Donette and Linda discussed the possibility of connecting families from Murray to possibly consolidate transportation to and from school.

Fr. Houlihan reported on school finances. For the families with students who have not tithed as per directed by Fr. Houlihan, (\$15/week or \$600/year) letters have been out. If they have not fulfilled the 2017 obligation, they are presented with a few options to correct this.

Parishioner to continue sending child to school

1. Make up missing \$600 per child
2. Set up automatic ACH at rate including a fee
3. Pay the non-parishioner tuition, which is well over \$2,000 per child, per year.

Some families were offered tuition assistance.

“FACT” is the financial company being used to handle collections.

Stewardship

- Patti Wynne reported at the last meeting, reinstating a newcomers meeting was discussed. Instead of monthly, quarterly meetings piggy backed to K/C breakfast might work best. Sue Stevens stated that approximately we get 35-45 new families per year.
- Reinstatement of Stewardship Fair

- The stewardship forms have been inputted and turned over to Scott Koelzer to create the final database, which will be forwarded to Sue Stevens for distribution.
- Next meeting March 14

Finance

Fr. H reported that a meeting with the Diocese CFO, Fr. H, Larry Welch and Mary Zoucha took place recently. The Diocese feel that we are well on our way to survival. (Yippie) As for the money needed to conduct the repairs to the Church and School, if we are not able to have the cash flow available, the Diocese will not be able to help us until next year.

Building and Grounds

Fr Houlihan's bedroom ceiling is severely stained from new roof leaks, and he is concerned it may fall in. He will follow up with the KofC for a new roof for the rectory as soon as feasible. Also, in the meantime, any "patchwork" on both the ceiling and roof would be appreciated.

Christian Service & Human Affairs

Carol Tilson - The band parents from the public schools are scheduled to have a fish fry every Friday of Lent at the VFW, this should have a limited affect on our attendance.

Youth Group

3rd Annual Trivia Night scheduled for Saturday, February 10, .

Publicity/Marketing

The wine tasting event was a huge success, with more than 100 people in attendance, many from the community. The Journal was gracious with publicity both before and after the event.

Closing

Stations of the cross during lent will be held at 5:30 pm Wednesday nights.

All the Matthew Kelly books given out at Christmas are gone. Fr. H received positive comments. These books were donated by a Parishioner. It is under discussion to give other books at Easter. Mathew Kelly says history shows that if we do this 3 times a year we will get more Parishioners.

The meeting concluded at 8:30pm. The February meeting will be held on Wednesday Feb. 28, 2018 at 7 pm (St Joseph's Room).

2017 Charitable Works Survey

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Charity or Project		In-Kind Donation	Cash Donation
SPIRITUALITY COMMISSION PROJECTS			
X	Adopt-a-Priest	donation to visiting priest Fr. Peter to use for expenses while here in the U. S.	\$200
X	Funds for Nuns		\$60
X	Monthly Masses for PCCW-living & deceased		\$120
X	Our Lady of Good Counsel Burse		\$130
X	LDCCW contribution		\$250
X	LDCCW Bishop Burse		\$60
X	Roses for Sisters		\$14
X	St. Monica Prayer Auxiliary	recited in March	
X	Magnificat (for Mass kit)		\$30
LEADERSHIP COMMISSION PROJECTS			
X	LDCCW Sunday	installation of officers 12/10/17	
X	Spirit Catholic Radio		\$100
SERVICE COMMISSION PROJECTS			
X	Birthright and Pregnancy Centers	AAFC Ad	\$100
X	Catholic Social Services	Donated remaining items from 3 rummage sales	
X	Collection Used Eye Glasses, etc.	donated to Lions Club	
X	Sienna Francis House	donated clothing & hygiene items	
X	Meals on Wheels	A number of PCCW ladies are involved	
X	Diaper Drive	donated 2,192 diapers	
X	Prison Ministry	Purchased 60 Spanish Missals	\$99.05
X	Senior Citizens - holiday baskets for shut-ins, 5 workers plus donation of contents for baskets		
X	Priest Appreciation	Monetary gifts & reception	\$341.52
X	Church cleaning rotation	Paid PCCW member to make reminder calls	\$355
OTHER LOCAL PCCW/ALTAR SOCIETY ACTIVITIES			
X	Funeral dinners	10 workers plus donation of desserts/salads	\$2,875.45
X	Penance Sunday (2 dinners for priests)	12 workers plus donation of the meal	0
X	"Over 55 Luncheon" (meal & door prize)	12 workers	\$125
X	Father's Day Breakfast (meal & door prizes)	12 workers	\$289.86
X	Reception for retiring organist	6 workers	\$44.00
X	Reception for Fr. David's graduation	6 workers	\$94.00
X	Farewell luncheon for Fr. David	12 workers	\$345.73
X	Welcome reception for Fr. Houlihan	6 workers	\$86.50
X	HS Senior Reception-cake & beverages	6 workers	\$101.01

Purchases made by PCCW for church, school & other events:

3 Rummage Sales in 2017-proceeds used to purchase items for the church (see below)

Altar breads, wine & candles	\$4,146.42
Today's Missals, music issues & covers	\$2,585.35
Palms for Palm Sunday	\$197.00
Bulletin ad	\$100.00
Misc. advertising	\$304.00
Church debt	\$1,000
Lectionary books for Fr. David	\$561.00
Ordo	\$39.02
New arbor to use for May crowning	\$269.10
Donated proceeds from Christmas Shoppe towards church support	\$1,166.00
Spring dinner & fundraiser	\$1,000.00
Flowers	\$265.00
Mulch (church/school landscape project)	\$298.00
Vacuum cleaner	\$299.95
St. John School - new dishwasher	\$4,000.00
30 new tables for catering & other events	\$4,758.35
4 giftcards for Father's Day drawing	\$100.00
Christmas gifts for Fr. Houlihan & 2 admins.	\$300.00
Misc. expenses (paper products, cleaning supplies, etc.)	\$1,677.87
Total	\$23,067.06
Spirituality, Leadership & Service Commissions	\$1,860.00
Other local PCCW activities	\$3,961.55
GRAND TOTAL	\$28,888.61