**Church of the Holy Spirit Parish Council**

**August 22, 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**

Dan Rubin called the meeting to order at 7p.m. in the St. Joseph’s Room.  Fr Houlihan led the Council in prayer.

**In attendance:** Fr. Houlihan, Sue Stevens, Dan Rubin, Deb Walton, Melicca Carpenter, Linda Monahan, Carol Tilson, Patti Wynne, Carol Tilson, Sean Gillen, Travis Bourett, Patty Lambert, Ginny Scholl, Barb Toman, Pat Vaughn

**Absent:** Mike Bridges

**New Business**

Fr. Houlihan asked for feedback on a request from the Sisters to set-up their store in the church Commons following Masses. A date was not yet determined, but in the past this took place in the Spring. Proceeds from the sales benefit Catholic education -- Guardian Angel Fund. The PC suggested that the store be part of an existing Parish event – one with high visibility and attendance (examples were Fall Festival or Fish Fries). Integrating the store with an existing Parish event will help cut down on the increased solicitations happening in the commons after weekend Masses. Deb will take the idea to the next Fall Festival meeting and report findings to Father.

Fr. Houlihan also asked the PC for their thoughts around spending Parish money to host a Stewardship recognition dinner (a more formal dinner, at a restaurant) for parishioners who serve on groups or those who play a key stewardship roles. The PC thought the idea was good and felt that the cost for the dinner would pay for itself — people would feel appreciated. Additional feedback from the group will be discussed at our next PC meeting.

**Updates from Organizations**

**Evangelization:**

No report

**Catholic Daughters:**

Ginny Scholl shared information on a bus tour of the Cloisters on the Platte through Excite Tour Co. She added that CDA has a new roster that now includes pictures.

**PCCW:**

PCCW does not hold meetings in June, July or August. Father’s Day breakfast was held in June. Priest appreciation was held in conjunction with Corpus Christi; PCCW paid for the meat. PCCW helped with the KOF Golf Tournament in July, with proceeds benefiting StJB. Recent purchases made by PCCW included $300 for a new vacuum and $2,900 for renovations and carpeting for rectory offices and hallways. PCCW has a new marketing brochure they will hand out a Stewardship Fair.

**Publicity & Marketing:**

Deb Walton shared some of the notable changes to the church website home page. She also gave an update on the Fall Festival plans and shared current efforts underway to promote the event in the community. The PC asked about parking for the event. In the past when the festival was located in the front of the church it created parking issues. Deb will take concern back to the Fall Festival Committee. Father Houlihan mentioned the Life Chain will be held the same day as the Fall Festival, from 2-3 pm. Deb suggested promoting participation the Life Chain at the FF during emcee remarks.

**Knights of Columbus:**

No report

**Liturgy:**

No report

**School Advisory/Strategic Planning:**

Linda Monahan gave an update on school enrollment. A Diocese hotline was created to report safety concerns and ISafe training is underway. Sean Gillen is the new SAC President, taking Donette Koelzer’s place. Sean will be working with SAC to ensure the Strategic Planning Project List is a focus and work is being executed. Fr. Houlihan reported that the Diocese will let us know the plans for our school in December.

**Stewardship**:

The Stewardship Committee will meet on the plans for the Ministry Fair which is scheduled Sept. 15-16. The Stewardship brochure will be handed out at the Ministry Fair to parishioners. Any brochure/envelope not picked up by parishioners will be mailed to their home. The Ministry booklet, which highlights the various Parish and school ministry groups, is being finalized and will be printed and distributed at the fair.

**Christian Service & Human Affairs:**

Carol Tilson asked if the Parish has received the “domestic violence” signage from Catholic Social Services. Sue Stevens said she would call and follow up with them.

**Finance:**

No report

**Building and Grounds:**

What was thought to be the main issue of the drainage problem in the back of school was not the case. When digging started, it was discovered that the drainage had been pushed down hill causing a membrane to be compromised. Over time, the membrane creates holes. Linda said Keith is looking into the issue closer and will determine what it takes to fix the problem the right way.

**Youth Group:**

Fr. Houlihan reported that CCD for high school students will be on Sunday mornings.

**Closing**

The PC meeting concluded at 8:30pm. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, September 26th at 7 p.m. in the St. Joseph Room.