**Church of the Holy Spirit Parish Council**

**March 27th, 2019**

**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 Commons.   Fr Houlihan led the Council in prayer.

**In attendance:** Fr. Houlihan, Dan Rubin, Sue Stevens, Mike Bridges, Travis Bourett, Brandon Finn, Sean Gillen,

Pat Vaughn

**Excused:** Linda, Monahan, Deb Walton, Melicca Carpenter, Carol Tilson, Ginny Scholl, Judy Ruby, Patty Wynne,

Melicca Carpenter

**Approval of February Minutes**

Minutes were reviewed. Information on Fish Fry/Catering was incorrect. Information was deleted. Mike B. gave a motion to approve the corrected minutes and Sean G. 2nd it. Council approved the updated minutes.

**New Business**

**Father Houlihan:** Approx. a dozen of our parish/school families were victims of the flood. Our school gathered monetary donations for the school families. Father also mentioned clean-up is needed for the parish/school families. George Johnson, Grand Knight, will be contacted to ask the Knights to help in this endeavor. Also, a bulletin announcement will be made asking for names of additional flood victims and anyone able to help with this clean-up effort.

**Old Business**

**Fish Fry**: Pat V. addressed the conflict with other events taking place a few days prior to the Fish Fries (volunteer working area and refrigerator space). It was decided that other events could take place. To alleviate any conflict, it was decided Fish Fry & Catering could purchase a large refrigerator along with revamping the northeast area of the school gym (where the showers are). Pat will come up with a plan for the Buildings & Grounds committee to review.

**Parish Dinners:** It was suggested a while back to have parish dinners and open them to the community for fellowship. It would be the responsibilities of the various parish groups to organize them, but many to help in bringing it together. In the past, the idea was to have a monetary amount charged for the meal and the outside community would be invited. Now, with discussion, we will begin with the dinners with potlucks with a theme (different ethnic foods, cheeseburger night, wine & cheese etc.). The Knights and PCCW will head the first themed potluck. It will take place on June 23rd as part of the priest appreciation celebration, per Father Houlihan.

**Updates from Organizations**

**School Advisory Council/Strategic Planning:** Sean G. reported that the Strategic Planning project is progressing. He and Deb W. continue to analyze what needs to be done for this project.

**Church/School Security:** Mike B. reported he is checking with companies on security cameras. We’re looking at approx. $1000 per camera. We could save money if we wire it ourselves. He is also looking into a “RING” type system that could be monitored during the Masses. Security issues are being identified for both church and school. His research is continuing so we receive the security that is needed.

**PCCW:**

* Purchases – Blinds for Commons and battery-operated stick vacuum
* Monetary donations – St. John’s Giving Tree, flowers requested from the Lincoln Diocese Eucharistic Adoration on May 5th, Retirement gift from PCCW, CDA and individuals for retiring school.
* Discussion on how we can help the flood victims.
* The H.S. Senior Reception will be held after the 10:30 Mass on May 5th with 22 invitations to be sent to seniors
* April 14th, Penance Sunday dinner for the priests with help from Knights.
* The Spring Salad Luncheon will be held on May 23rd.
* Next meeting will be Apr 11th at 5:30.

**Knights of Columbus:**

 No report

**Publicity & Marketing:**

No report

**Catholic Daughters:**

No report

**Stewardship:**

No report

**Building and Grounds:**

No report

**Liturgy:**

No report

**Finance:**

No report

**Youth Group:**

No report.

**Closing**

The PC meeting concluded at 7:50pm. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, April 24th, at 7 p.m. in the St. Joseph Room.