

Church of the Holy Spirit

Parish Council Minutes

October 21, 2008

Present: Karen Adams, Vinny Amuso, Adam Calcagno, Irene Calendo, Grace Costich Schlageter, Josie DeBruyn, Fr. Helfrich, Jim Isaac, Chuck Mertz, Tom Salamida, Brian Sheba.

Absent: Deacon Brian, Chris Guadieri, John Marchand

Called to Order: 7:25 P.M.

Opening Prayer offered by Adam Calcagano, Vice President

Chuck provided name badges for each Parish Council Member and asked members to wear them whenever we are at Church: attending Mass and Church events, Volunteering activities, including 'Mass Greeter', etc. This will provide parishioners more one-on-one opportunities to communicate their opinions/ideas/suggestions regarding Holy Spirit Church.

Review of Action Register:

Chuck restocked newly designed Comment/Suggestion Forms, located on top of Suggestion Box. Also, ordered and distributed new PCM Name Badges.

Karen and Chuck prepared the 09/16/08 Communiqué for weekend Masses.

Karen prepared and distributed 09/16/08 Parish Council Minutes.

Adam, Chuck and Deacon Brian met to discuss plans for the 'Mass Greeters' program, and gave Parish council details of planned procedure process. Josie suggested having all Greeters wear a Name Badge. Grace also suggested having Confirmation class participate in the Greeter program.

John Marchand will be working with Deacon Brian to update the new parishioner program.

Suggestion Box/Open Forum:

Chuck read the first suggestion which stated the need for Mass/Rosary/Candle Intention cards and envelopes located in the literature rack. Father Peter Helfrich has already restocked the requested supplies.

Adam read the second suggestion which inquired if our Holy Water Supply was blessed with the exorcism blessing, like the one used at St. John's Religious Shop and, if not, could we have our holy water blessed this way. Father Helfrich said he uses exorcised salt for the holy water blessing. Karen will follow up with obtaining the exorcism blessing prayer and procedure used for holy water at St. John's Religious Shop and give to Father Helfrich for his review. Chuck will then respond to the enquirer of the suggestion.

Vinny then read the last suggestion for this session which related to receiving Holy Communion in both forms. Father spoke on this issue and Chuck suggested forming a committee consisting of three, with Deacon Brian overseeing the committee. Grace and Vinny agreed to be on the committee. Grace will bring copies of the Norms for the Distribution and Reception of Holy Communion under both Kinds to next month's meeting for us. In the meantime, she encouraged those with computer access to Google the subject under the Dioceses of USA.

Karen mentioned that a St. Paul's Church parishioner asked her to express to Father how much she enjoys the Saint of the day displays at our Church and how much she is enjoying the Aging as a Spiritual Adventure series that is currently being held here. She said she thinks Holy Spirit Church is wonderful, she asked where she could obtain some of the Saint Books and calendars that Father uses and Karen checked with Father and responded to her. She has purchased one already.

Old Business:

Alice and Karen gave update on the progress of the Gazebo project. Alice will follow up with obtaining the Town of Penfield Permit needed, and with the Amish Outlet regarding locking in the seasonal price discount if we are not able to have it installed now, and have the provider hold the selected Gazebo at their site until it can be installed here. Having the planed area surveyed and approved also needs to be done prior to purchase, and Alice will schedule a date for that purpose and discuss a feasible start date.

Irene and Dan Calendo wrote an article that was submitted for the Parish Bulletin regarding the 10:30 A.M. Mass Coffee Hour. Adam and others feel it could also be announced at all Masses.

New Business:

Chuck asked Parish Council Members to bring to the next meeting a walled sized picture of themselves for the gathering area wall hanging frame collage.

Father's Report:

Father stated that he, Chuck, Deacon Brian, and Carmen Pellegrino attended the Pastoral Planning Meeting held at Sacred Heart Cathedral on 09/23/08. Father reported that Sacred Heart Cathedral Community have many issues/needs and are reaching out to other cluster communities for a mutually beneficial exchange.

Father stated that since there will not be any major changes for the next 5 years, a new 5 year plan is not necessary.

Father said the Holy Spirit Church will be hosting this year's WPCC Thanksgiving Day Mass. The Mass will be on Thanksgiving Day at 9:00 A.M..

Father read the Diocesan Statistics obtained from the Pastoral Planning Meeting regarding number of Priests available and how many are Externs.

Lastly, Father informed us that the signed contract for the new Handicap Entrance and other appropriate paperwork has been sent to the Diocese, and he is also waiting for the Town of Penfield Permit. The official start date has not yet been established.

The Parish Council Members then viewed this year's Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA) video.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be a combined November-December Meeting, and will be the Annual Open Parish Meeting, required by law. Date to be announced.

Closing Prayer offered by Father Helfrich: 8:40 P.M.