

Church of the Holy Spirit

Parish Council Minutes
2007

December 18,

In attendance: Father Helfrich, Chuck Mertz, Adam Calcagno, Vinny Amuso, Sue Monczynski, Shari Magagnoli, Chris Gaudieri, Grace Costich-Schlageter, Mary Frumusa

Absent: Peri Samikkannu, John Marchand, Mike Piacentino

Call to Order: 7:18

Opening Prayer by Father Helfrich

Suggestion Box/Open Forum

- There was a suggestion to conserve heating costs by not leaving the doors exiting the gathering area open after Mass during the winter months. *Response... the doors need to be open for people who are unable to open them themselves. We have many elderly and wheelchair bound parishioners. The doors are only open for 10-15 minutes.*
- There was a suggestion to encourage people to stay for the whole Mass.
Response...there is already an announcement at every Mass encouraging people to stay for the whole Mass.
- There was a suggestion about Mass in the extraordinary form. This was also brought up by Vinny Amuso. *Response... Father explained that our church does not have the proper altar layout, we do not have altar boys trained for the Latin Mass, or the equipment necessary. At this time, it is not a possibility.*
- Adam has checked with two other parishes about Olan Mills and their responses were positive.
- Vinny talked about vocations. There will be a form online and hard copies available for people to offer prayer intentions.

- Regarding Offertory gifts. The idea of more parishioner involvement was brought up again. We will put a request in the communiqué and bulletin. The greeters and ushers will be encouraged to ask families and individuals to help.

Father's Forum:

- Changes needed to the November Minutes. Sue will amend them.
- New signs are now in place at both entrances.
- A few people have stepped forward with carpet expertise to help choose our new carpet.
- There will be new oil candles for the processional. This will eliminate wax spillage
- CMA is at 78%. Approximately \$12,000 still needed.
- Decorative fascia fell in the rear of the church. The fascias throughout the church have all been secured.
- Father Costanzo is offering the profits from his poetry book for the Building Fund.
- Church decorating to happen from 2-5 on the 23rd. Parish Council Christmas party to follow.
- WPCC- December 11th:
 - There was a good turnout for the Thanksgiving Wednesday Evening Mass.
 - They are proposing a banner for future events. Father suggested to them to have a contest for designing the banner..
 - Lenten Retreat times and places secured.

-Clustering of other parishes within the diocese. A report was given by Karen Reinford.

-St. Clements of Rome back together.

-Discussion of Urban, rural outreach.

- Lenten Renewal- Diocese plans to launch “Spirit alive”
- 1 vacancy on parish council.
- RJ Stansbury has been named our parish Ecumenical advisor.

Parish Council Christmas party at 5pm on the 23rd.

Closing Prayer by Father Helfrich

Adjournment at 8:42.

Respectfully submitted by Suzanne Monczynski