

Church of the Holy Spirit
Parish Council Minutes
February 17, 2009

Present: Karen Adams-Secretary, Irene Calendo, Grace Costich Schlageter, Josie DeBruyn, Fr. Helfrich, Jim Isaac, Deacon Brian Mahoney, John Marchand, Chuck Mertz-President, Brian Sheba

Absent: Vinny Amuso, Adam Calcagno-Vice-President, Chris Gaudieri, Tom Salamida, Alice Winter

Guest: Mike Piacentino

Called to Order: 7:20 PM

Opening Prayer offered by: Deacon Brian

Chuck reminded Council of meeting procedure of only one speaker at a time, and reminded Council to wear Name Badges while at Church.

Review of Action Register:

Research how to acquire a list of new residents in Webster

Update on Fr. McMahon's Anniversary.

Check on status of Church Pictorial Directory.

Karen prepared and distributed January 20th Parish Council Minutes and Communiqué.

Suggestion Box/Open Forum:

Received very favorable comment on how beautiful our Church was decorated for Christmas. While Grace Culiano was at St. Cecelia's Church over the Christmas season, she complemented them on their Church decor and was told "if you want to see something *really* beautiful, you should go see Holy Spirit Church in Penfield. Their Pastor really have a flair for decorating. Thank you Father Helfrich.

Karen suggested having the Prayer before Confession and the Act of Contrition hung in both confessionals. During the Christmas season someone had asked her for a hard copy and Deacon Brian was on hand to provide it. Father mentioned that there used to be one in there, and will have a new one put in both confessionals.

The last comment stated that the Gathering area and Church Shrine area have become unsightly and a "drop-off" for unwanted materials and distractions. Karen will check with Shari on the status of the storage cabinet that has already been planned for the Gathering area, and relay that it may help to suggest approval needed before anything is left or posted in this area and the Parish Center area. Also, scotch tape should not be used on any wood tables or Church doors, as slight damage has already been noted. It was also mentioned that the Book of Prayer Petitions was not on the table it usually was on. Karen mentioned it is always on the Adoration table weekdays, and on the Shrine area Usher table on weekends. Father Helfrich approved the purchase of a podium specifically for our Book of Prayer Petitions, and Deacon Brian will follow-up with Alice regarding the purchase of this item.

Grace expressed concern that we have strayed from the original design of the Church. We should have some plan as we add things or make changes to be sure it all is compatible. Fr. Helfrich reminded everyone that much of today's congregation is looking for something different than 30-40 years ago. He is trying to appeal to what people want today to aid their worship. Parishioners have thanked Father and have said it looks more Catholic and traditional and is much appreciated.

Old Business:

Regarding Introduction Packet, Chuck asked Council if it was established as to how we would acquire a list of new residents in Webster to give to Deacon Brian so he can visit and present them with the Packet. Grace said a new listing is in the paper every Saturday. John stated Shari had the New Parishioner Kit well under control. Further discussion when Vinny returns next month.

The Parish Pictorial Book is in final stages. Chuck recommended contacting Olan Mills regarding the delays and to obtain a delivery date.

The Greeter Program discussion included a recommendation to restart the Program with those parishioners that have already expressed interest and have signed up. Grace suggested having each Council member buddy up with someone to take part. Karen suggested having the Badges held in the Sacristy for those potential greeters arriving first at any Mass to obtain, allowing more people to take part, especially those with commitment issues. A Greeter will be needed at each entrance, new and old.

Karen and Irene discussed the need for certain announcements before Mass. Agreement to resume announcements, but to keep them short and to start them earlier so as not to delay Mass start times.

Josie informed us that the St. Joseph's Table will be held Sunday, March 22nd following

the Noon Mass. Sign up sheets are already in the Gathering area. Also encouraged Council participation. Father reminded Josie to follow up with Ron regarding new bread resource for this year.

John gave update on Fr. McMahon's Anniversary celebration. It will be held June 7th beginning with the Noon Mass. Fr. McMahon will celebrate the *Traditional* Mass, facing the congregation. A reception will follow in the Parish Center. John will follow up with Toumy regarding making appetizers for the reception, and Fr. Helfrich will ask Gabe to coordinate the Music.

Father Helfrich approved Communion under Both Species for another month. Deacon Brian explained that there have been some close calls for spillage. Agreed to catechize again.

New Business:

Mike Piacentino expressed interest in getting people more involved in the Parish and Parish activities, and Ministries. One way would be to Bio, with a picture, a current staff member, active volunteer, usher, sacristan, choir, and K4J, as well.

There will be three Lenten Soup Suppers and the Parish Council will serve April S[^]'s supper. Need to arrive by 4:30 pm if possible. Contact Josie with any questions.

John told Father Helfrich that Peggy Fraysier asked if Holy Spirit Church could host a March For Life Bus excursion to Washington, DC for next year for the people in our area. Peggy would coordinate the whole bus trip. Father gave his approval.

Fr. Fred's Report:

Janet Donate has asked Father's approval to have a Right to Life Display at Holy Spirit Church and Father and Council have agreed.

Father explained to the Council his Theme for the Lenten season. It will tie in with the new entrance doors, so we hope the new entrance will be completed during Lent, or at least by Palm Sunday.

The next meeting will be March 17, 2009, with possibly an Irish Dinner preceeding it.

Closing Prayer by Karen

Adjournment: 9:05 PM

