

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

Present: Karen Adams-Secretary, Vinny Amuso, Adam Calcagano-Vice President, Irene Calendo, Grace Costich Schlageter, Josie DeBruyn, Chris Gaudieri, Fr. Helfrich, Jim Isaac, Deacon Brian Mahoney, John Marchand, Chuck Mertz-President, Tom Salamida, Brian Sheba

Guests: Fr. McMahon, Alice Winter

Called to Order: 7:25 PM

Opening Prayer offered by: Vinny Amuso

Review of Action Register/Old Business:

Confessional Prayers Status: Chuck asked for status of confessional Prayers discussed last month. Deacon Brian will obtain Prayer before Confession and Act of Contrition and have them available in both Confessionals.

Sister Parish Update: Vinny gave info on the Pen Pal Project and mentioned that the Challenge group will also be involved in writing letters, and Father Costanzo will forward them on to our sister Parish. Grace asked if our Religious Ed groups could also be encouraged to participate.

St. Joseph's Table Update: Josie and Alice gave update for this Sunday's St. Joseph Table. Ron Maggio and six couples have made donations covering all costs of the St. Joseph Bread for the event which is greatly appreciated. Josie reminded Parish Council members to arrive the April 3rd Soup Supper by 4:30 PM to help serve. Also, all are invited to help with Easter Egg Hunt on April 11th.

Greeter Program Update: Deacon Brian will again give mention of the program on Divine Mercy Sunday, and Chuck will place Greeter Sign Up Forms in pews for parishioners to fill out and return. Father Helfrich noted that the New Handicap Entrance will hopefully be completed and open by Palm Sunday and Chuck said he will have a Greeter for that entrance as well as Main Entrance.

Father McMahon's Anniversary Update: Vinny said Thumy Cosey has agreed to cater the event. John pointed out the need for obtaining a headcount of attendees for Thumy and John will have a flyer ready for next meeting.

Karen prepared and distributed last month's Parish Council Minutes and Communiqué.

Suggestion Box/Open Forum:

Karen read only Comment from a parishioner sharing her gratitude and blessings from being a long time parishioner, and how Fr. Bush and Fr. Feeney influenced her life. She is also impressed at the involvement of the youth in our parish and stated that it says a lot for their parents and the parish.

WPCC Meeting Report: Fr. Fred/Deacon Brian:

Deacon Brian explained that the idea behind the relationship with the Cathedral Community and a parish is the mutual exchange of knowledge and skill sets and ministries, as they try to deal with the combining of three parishes, a changing community, and an increasing Burmese community. Kim Haynes has been asked to act as our representative coordinator and report to Council on the results of her meetings with the Cathedral representatives. The next WPCC meeting is Tuesday, March 24th.

New Business:

Karen will follow up with Alice/David regarding the staining of our Gazebo, and with Shari regarding building seating for the Gazebo and report on status next month.

Jim Isaac suggested having Reserved Parking spaces for assisting Priests and Gabe. Alice will follow up with this and with the respective Reserved Parking Signs designated next to the Handicap spaces.

Alice will have Balance Sheet and Income Statement included in the last weekend of April's Bulletin. There has been an impressive response to the recent CMA and Wegman's challenge.

Father Fred's Report:

Looking into Classical Music for Anniversary event.

Gave update on New Handicap Entrance and has received numerous positive comments already. Alice gave detail on remaining work nearing completion.

One of three storage cabinets for the gathering area is near completion, and discussed possibly removing the display case. Also mentioned need for another speaker system in Church for better audio in Sanctuary and Choir area, if feasible.

Father asked for a Council Member representative for Holy Thursday's washing of the feet, and John volunteered. Father also noted the need for Council volunteers on Holy Saturday to help prepare the Church for Easter.

Closing Prayer offered by: Father Helfrich

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