

# Church of the Holy Spirit

Parish council Minutes

February 19, 2008

In Attendance: Sue Monczynski, Shari Magagnoli, Vinny Amuso, John Marchand, Adam Calcagno, Grace Costich-Schlageter, Chuck Mertz, Mary Frumusa, Father Helfrich

Absent: Chris Gaudieri, Tom Salamida, Mike Piacentino

Call to Order: 7:20

Opening Prayer offered by Father Helfrich

Open Forum/Suggestion Box

- There were two written and two phone messages about the parish picnic. The picnic will stay on Holy Spirit grounds.
- A written note asking that the library be made available to parishioners. Sue will get it back in shape and open soon.
- Grace asked why communion in both species cannot be offered at all Masses. Father responded that many factors affect the decision including the number of extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist available, scheduling, and limited interest and even opposition.
- Grace voiced concern about Father Helfrich's bulletin comments that we should not help people if they keel over in church. Not everyone who falls over in church is having a mystical experience and may need help. The bulletin article was intended to make known a particular exception.
- Adam said he has received a complaint about the money spent on doughnuts. Father and the council agreed that the money spent is worth the expense because it helps build our Church family.
- Chuck requested that a reminder email be sent to parish council members a week before the meetings. The secretary will assume that job.

General Discussion

- Rosary Apostolate- Sue and Sarah Guarnere have almost finished the fliers. Vinny will pay for the cost of color copies. A box for rosary drop off and pick up will be placed in the gathering area. It needs to be clearly marked because of a rosary repair box that is already in the gathering area.
- Parish Financial statement- Chuck will put together a request for the information he would like to see published for the parish. He will give his request to Alice.

- Vinny had a parishioner approach him about changing the timing of the second collection. The second collections will now be collected directly after the first collection. He also had a parishioner question about the church directory of Programs and ministries. Sue will call the person and discuss the issue.
- The carpet will be installed in June.
- The idea of “Mass according to the extraordinary form” is still being considered. More planning will be needed for this to happen. Things are in progress.
- A discussion on the late start of Masses and late arrival of many attending.

#### Father's Forum

- Mike Piacentino can put the St. Michael's prayer on the hymnal anytime.
- Weekly Courier inserts to be stopped by the diocese. A PDF format will be available on the website.
- Olan Mills will be taking the pictures for the pictorial directory on April 23,24,25,26 and May 28,29,30,31. The weekday times will from 3-9:30 pm and the weekend times will be from 10-5pm.
- The Parish has received a large bequest from the estate of Richard and Bridget Ford. It was suggested an official thank you should be sent to the Executor or family.

Closing Prayer offered by Father Helfrich.

Adjournment 8:55.

Next meeting is on March 11, 2008. This is a change from our normally scheduled meeting due to Holy Week.