

Holy Spirit Church

Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2015

HOLY SPIRIT MEETING MINUTES OF THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Attendees: Father Joseph C. Simmons, Mark Dubyoski, Michelle Urbanski, Catherine Urbanski, Carmen Arroyo, Chris Gregory, Bill McCann, Bob Baldauf, Veronica Hernandez-Shepard, Norm Pelissier

Topics Discussed:

The following topics were discussed at this meeting:

Parking Lot Maintenance	Use of Chapel for Children During Mass
Updates on Discovering Christ Program	Youth Events
Speakers Program	Papal Visit to the U.S.
Sister's Report	

Meeting Minutes:

Topic	Main Discussion
Meeting	The meeting began with a prayer by Father at 6:30 p.m.
Approval of Minutes	The minutes of the December 3, 2014 meeting were approved.
Parking Lot Maintenance	Father noted that Brian O'Connor is interested in serving on the Parking Lot Maintenance Committee. Brian has also suggested another person for membership. In addition, Bob Baldauf has agreed to serve on this committee. Brett Steinmiller made arrangements for the parking lot to be plowed on the same day of the storm but ice was still a problem.
Use of Chapel for Children During Mass	Veronica will make a sign that can be posted near the chapel to let parishioners know that the chapel is available for parents and their children when the children might be disruptive in the main Church area.
Updates on Discovering Christ Program	Mark reported that he and 3 other parishioners had attended a special meeting at the Catholic Center for the ChristLife program on December 6. There was interest in our program expressed by other nearby parishes-St. Stephen's, St. Ignatius, and St. Mary's-Pylesville. We may work out a reciprocal retreat location with St. Mary's. Mark is planning on having the "walk-through" program begin in early February. He will be meeting soon with Marie Stobie and Mary Smith to discuss dinner arrangements with the help of the Good Samaritans. He is also looking for a guitar player. Each weekly session is expected to take place from 6 p.m. to around 8:30 p.m. but Mark will confirm the exact timeframe. After completion of the walk-through, the program will then be offered to the parish and public.
Youth Events	Veronica is working with Michelle, Ashley Letsche from Prince of Peace and Sister as they look at several programs. The first event will probably be held at <i>Ice World</i> on Monday, February 16 from 12 to 3 p.m. There is a \$12.95 party package. Father OK'd a \$50.00 deposit for this. The Harford Youth Ministry may be interested in attending. Also, Kelly Reynolds, the youth coordinator at St. Stephen/s could place a note in their Bulletin. Parents of the children will provide transportation but if there are any problems, they could call the coordinators. Michelle said she would be a chaperone. Veronica will check to see if they have a minimum number of people requirement.

Speakers Program	Carmen has contacted several prospective speakers. Saturday mornings was suggested as a possible time. Father volunteered to get the program started and will meet with Carmen to further discuss. There was also a suggestion that the speaker session could be combined with a pot-luck dinner.
Papal visit to the U.S.	Pope Francis is expected to be visiting New York, Washington, D.C., and Philadelphia from September 22 to 27. A Papal Mass will be held in Philadelphia. We could have something set-up in the Parish Center to allow live streaming of the ceremony. We would need a wireless setup. Veronica may have a WiFi card that would allow this transmission. There is also the possibility of organizing a bus trip to Philadelphia.
Sister's Report	Sister left information for the Council. Two books and a document will be available for Council members to borrow. " <i>Love is Our Mission</i> " and " <i>The Joy of the Gospel</i> " as well as " <i>Comfort and Consolation</i> " are available to borrow. Sister also left examples of general information letters to parents that the parents signed and returned indicating they had received the information from their children.
Next Meeting	Our next Pastoral Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 17, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned with a prayer at 7:25 p.m.

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Meeting Minutes
February 17, 2015

HOLY SPIRIT MEETING MINUTES OF THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Attendees: Father Joseph C. Simmons, Sister Susanne Bunn, Mark Dubyoski, Michelle Urbanski, Catherine Urbanski, Chris Gregory, Bill McCann, Bob Baldauf, Veronica Hernandez-Shepard, Norm Pelissier

Topics Discussed:

The following topics were discussed at this meeting:

Family Dinner Dance	Youth Activities
Coffee and Donuts Program	Discovering Christ Program
Parking Lot	Synod of the Family

Meeting Minutes:

Topic	Main Discussion
Meeting	The meeting began with a prayer by Father at 6:30 p.m.
Approval of Minutes	The minutes of the January 12, 2015 meeting were approved.
Family Dinner Dance	Michelle is on the committee for the Family Dinner Dance to be held on April 19. She requested donations from the council members to help fund the basket that will be raffled off at the event.
Youth Activity – Ice Skating	Veronica reported on the Holy Spirit Youth Event – Ice Skating at Ice World that was held on Monday, February 16. About 40 people attended including 35 ice skaters-many from surrounding parishes. Even though the event was very successful, it pointed out a number of improvements that could be made the next time. This may involve collecting ticket money in advance and making sure the permission slips are all filled out and submitted. It was suggested that an e-mail address for responses should be included in the announcement in addition to phone numbers. Also, a Church check could be provided to simplify payment to Ice World. Sister noted that other parishes will be inviting Holy Spirit to their youth activities. Michelle, Veronica and Chris will be planning the next youth activity.
Coffee and Donut Program	Coffee and donuts were offered on February 8 and went very well. There was discussion about a request from one of the parishioners to have the coffee and donuts setup at the Parish Center. Sister suggested perhaps having a sign posted that would inform people that they can still meet at the Parish Center if they wished-they could bring their coffee there.
Updates on Discovering Christ Program	Mark noted that the Discovering Christ program that started on February 2 was going fairly well with close to 30 people attending the initial program. Plans are to open up the program to all after Easter. Mark is narrowing down the dates.
Parking Lot	Bob will be meeting with Brian O'Connor on February 26 to discuss the parking lot drainage situation. For the time being, Brett Steinmiller continues to make arrangements for the snow removal.
Synod of the Family 2015	Father will be leading this effort. The Council discussed the Synod Document and Questionnaire. (See attached summary of the discussion).
Next Meeting	Our next Pastoral Council meeting will be held on Thursday, March 19, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned with a prayer at 7:35 p.m.

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Meeting Minutes
March 19, 2015

HOLY SPIRIT MEETING MINUTES OF THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Attendees: Father Joseph C. Simmons, Sister Susanne Bunn, Mark Dubyoski, Michelle Urbanski, Catherine Urbanski, Richelle Rodgers, Chris Gregory, Bill McCann, Veronica Hernandez-Shepard, Norm Pelissier

Topics Discussed:

The following topics were discussed at this meeting:

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| Easter Egg Hunt | Youth Activities |
| Movie Night | Blessing of the Palms |
| Bike-a-Thon | Plant Sale |
| Discovering Christ Program | Parking Lot |
| Synod of the Family | In-House Video Feed |
| Council Nominations | Holy Week Services |
| Prayer Intentions | |

Meeting Minutes:

Topic	Main Discussion
Meeting	The meeting began with the group reciting the Prayer for New Evangelization at 6:30 p.m.
Approval of Minutes	The minutes of the February 17, 2015 meeting were approved.
Easter Egg Hunt	Sister announced that the Easter Egg Hunt will be held on April 4 at 11 a.m.
Youth Activities	Chris and Michelle will be meeting this Sunday to decide on Youth Activities. Several ideas were discussed including an outing at Ripken Stadium to see the IronBirds. Bill mentioned it is possible to check on-line to see when they have give-away nights and fireworks nights. Chris mentioned a possible alternative activity-joining with St. Stephen's with their 8 th grade visit to Hershey Park. Tickets would be available at a discount. If children go with their parents, it would be simpler as far as supervision, etc.
Movie Night	Mark suggested a "Parish Movie Night" which would be open to adults in the Parish Center. He could look into specific films.
Blessing of Palms	Parishioners from three churches, Holy Spirit Church; Church of the Good Shepherd; and the Episcopal Church on Rumsey Island; will gather in the parking lot of the Presbyterian Church at 10:45 a.m. on Palm Sunday, March 29 th for the Blessing of the Palms. After the blessing, each group will return to their respective churches. The youth are encouraged to attend.
Bike-a-Thon	This year's Bike-a-Thon will be held at Mariner Point Park on the first Sunday in May (May 3 rd) and will be held in conjunction with the Presbyterian and Episcopal Churches. Dave Meneghini will have hot dogs served in the parking lot. We will ask other members of the Knights to help direct parking. Veronica mentioned that an Ice Cream Party will be the prize for the Faith Formation class that raises the most money.
Plant Sale	The Plant Sale will be held the first weekend in May on Friday night and Saturday morning.
Updates on Discovering Christ Program	Mark noted that the Discovering Christ program was going well. The last weekly session will be held this coming Monday. Plans are to open up the program to all after Easter. There will be a meeting soon for those interested in taking part in this program. Mark's tentative plans are to have the Discovering Christ program run once a year in the Spring and the "Following Christ" program to be held in the Fall.

Parking Lot	Bob Baldauf, Brian O'Connor and Jim King have met to discuss the parking lot drainage situation. There are a number of preliminary steps that must be followed before we can contract out the work involved. Father must submit a request for permission to the Archbishop first. The Building and Properties department of the Diocese must then be contacted. Then a survey of the land must be performed. Then professional advice must be obtained. The cost of installing a drainage system and resurfacing the parking lot could run from \$100,000 to \$200,000. But we must be mindful of the possibility that we may have to replace our heating and air conditioning system for the church which may cost about \$150,000. We are close to meeting our goal of raising \$285,000 for the Embracing Our Mission Campaign. After we meet our goal, 80 % of continued funds received will be returned to the parish. As for snow removal, Brett Steinmiller continues to make arrangements.
Synod of the Family 2015	Our Parish submitted its report to the Diocese. We have not heard back from them yet. The bishops are to turn in their reports to the Apostolic Delegates office in Washington.
In-House Video Feed	Veronica has the 100-foot Ethernet network cable that is needed to stream programs into the Parish Center's meeting room. The goal is to have this in operation before the Papal visit to Philadelphia September 22 nd to 27 th . Father mentioned that the broadcast will probably be available on EWTN. Bill will help to test this out.
Council Nominations	Mark noted that nominations for next year's Pastoral Council will start in April.
Holy Week Services	Father mentioned that we need more attendance at Holy Week services. He will perform Foot Washing at Holy Thursday's 7 p.m. service. Also, on Holy Saturday, 5 people who completed the RCIA program will receive the Sacraments of Initiation including Confirmation administered by Father.
Prayer Intentions	Mark requested that we pray for being able to each bring in 6 participants in the next Discovering Christ program as well as praying for Deacon Frank Law who was involved in a tragic accident recently.
Next Meeting	Our next Pastoral Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned with a prayer at 7:40 p.m.

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Meeting Minutes
April 14, 2015

HOLY SPIRIT MEETING MINUTES OF THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Attendees: Father Joseph C. Simmons, Sister Susanne Bunn, Mark Dubyoski, Michelle Urbanski, Catherine Urbanski, Chris Gregory, Bill McCann, Bob Baldauf, Norm Pelissier

Topics Discussed:

The following topics were discussed at this meeting:

Easter Egg Hunt	Youth Activities
Family Dinner Dance	Family Survey
Discovering Christ	RCIA
Nominations for Council	In-House Video
Parking Lot Drainage	Parent Meeting
The Joy of Believing Book	Donut Program
Bike-A-Thon	

Meeting Minutes:

Topic	Main Discussion
Meeting	The meeting began with a prayer at 6:30 p.m.
Approval of Minutes	The minutes of the March 19, 2015 meeting were approved.
Easter Egg Hunt	Sister reported that the Easter Egg Hunt was successful and well-attended.
Youth Activities	An outing at Ripken Stadium in Aberdeen to see the Ironbirds is planned for June 28. Father has a meeting planned for April 25 with the other 2 parishes in the community at which youth activities will be discussed.
Family Dinner Dance	Tickets sold for the Family Dinner Dance on April 19 now exceed 100.
National Catholic Family Survey	Results of this survey were reported by Sister Susanne. The simple four-question online survey was directed toward parents, grandparents and church leaders. The first 4 statements gleaned from various sources were listed on the survey in the order shown below: <ul style="list-style-type: none">You are always welcome at our church.Parents are the most influential agents of catechesis for their children.Marriage is a vocation and serves as the foundation of the family and society.What role do you want faith to play in the lives of your children?
RCIA	Father noted that 6 people joined our parish through the RCIA program this year.
Council Nominations	A notice will be placed in the Church Bulletin asking for those interested in becoming a member of the Pastoral Council to contact Father Simmons. Elections take place in May with the new Council having their first meeting in June.
Parking Lot	Bob Baldauf, Brian O'Connor and Jim King have met to discuss the parking lot drainage situation and a cost estimate has been obtained. The next step is to contact the Archdiocese but Father wants to make sure the HVAC system is functioning properly, i.e., the air-conditioning is working well, before taking this next step. Funds are available for only one of these major projects.
In-House Video Feed	Chris mentioned that he recently required a wireless connection for his internet connection at his house. The cost for the 2 boxes is approximately \$200 to \$225. He will share this information with Cathy, parish secretary. Bill will also talk to Cathy about what he knows. It was mentioned at our last meeting that Veronica has a 100-foot Ethernet network cable that is needed to stream programs into the

	Parish Center's meeting room.
Parent Meeting	Sister noted that a follow-up meeting is scheduled for June 14. Chris would like to have Parent meetings 4 times a year or about every 3 months.
The Joy of Believing	This is the title of the recently published book written by Archbishop William Lori. Copies are available to the parish at half-price (\$6.00). Father had a copy of this book for members to look at. We could have meetings to discuss the contents with parishioners.
Donut Program	Chris requested feedback on this program. There was thought about having the coffee and donuts available in the Parish Center. This would allow longer socializing. Father indicated that the summertime might be a good time to try this out. Chris mentioned that the program has allowed children who help with this program to obtain credit towards their confirmation. It would also be possible to show short videos in the Parish Center during this time.
Bike-a-Thon	This year's Bike-a-Thon will be held at Mariner Point Park on the first Sunday in May (May 3 rd) and will be held in conjunction with the Presbyterian and Episcopal Churches.
Next Meeting	Our next Pastoral Council meeting will be held on Friday May 29, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned with a prayer at 7:30 p.m.

HOLY SPIRIT MEETING MINUTES OF THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Attendees: Father Joseph C. Simmons, Sister Susanne Bunn, Mark Dubyoski, Michelle Urbanski, Catherine Urbanski, Bill McCann, Bemis Ikejiofor, Alan McDougall, Brenda McDougall, Greg Simon, Judy Simon, Richelle Rodgers, Veronica Shepard, Carmen Arroyo, Norm Pelissier

Topics Discussed:

The following topics were discussed at this meeting:

Introduction of New Members	Role of the Pastoral Council
Father's Anniversary	Promotional Flyers
Thank You to Past Members	Technology Committee
New Officers	Continuing Goals
The Joy of Believing	Summer Meeting
Conflict of Interest	Prince of Peace Fiesta

Meeting Minutes:

Topic	Main Discussion
Meeting	The meeting began with a prayer at 6:30 p.m.
Approval of Minutes	The minutes of the April 14, 2015 meeting were approved.
Introduction of New Members	New members were introduced and everyone around the room gave a brief background description of themselves
Role of the Pastoral Council	Father gave a synopsis of the role of the Pastoral Council. He discussed the committees that are under the Council's responsibility
Father's Anniversary	Father's 54 th anniversary of his ordination took place on May 27.
Promotional Flyers	Judy suggested that there should be flyers distributed for the various parish activities such as the Flea Market. Father reminded us that this would require someone actually preparing the flyers. These could be made part of the weekly Bulletin or posted at local stores. Bill spoke about an expanded social media effort.
Thank You Note	At Mark's suggestion, Norm will send a note to the parish secretary to have a thank you note placed in the Church Bulletin thanking the pastoral council members whose term expired.
Technology Committee	This is the working title of the committee being headed up by Bill McCann. A request for help from interested parishioners was placed in the Bulletin but no response has been received to date. Items the committee is researching include a video feed into the side chapel for live Masses and a TV link into the Parish Center which would allow showing the papal visit activities on screen.
New Officers	The selection of new officers was placed on hold for now in order to give members more time to consider positions. Father suggested splitting the secretary's role in two with a recording secretary and corresponding secretary role. Father reviewed the role of the President.
Continuing Goals	Mark would like to resume the strategic planning process as well as outlining committee activities. Richelle volunteered to facilitate the strategic planning initiative.
The Joy of Believing	This is the title of the recently published book written by Archbishop William Lori. Copies were made available. We could have discussion groups to go over the contents.
Summer Meeting	Veronica will check with Peggy Doty about hosting our summer meeting at her house. She will notify everyone when she has the information.
Conflict of Interest Statements	Father distributed copies of this form for new members to sign.
Prince of Peace Fiesta	The annual Prince of Peace Fiesta is scheduled for June 5 and 6.
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned with a prayer at 7:45 p.m.

**NO MEETING
JUNE 2015**

**NO MEETING
JULY 2015**

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Minutes of Pastoral Council Meeting August 2015

Minutes for the meeting on August 17, 2015

The people that were there were Father Joseph Simmons, Sister Susanne Bunn, Norm Pelissier, Bill McCann, Mark Dubyoski, Veronica Hernandez-Shepard, Carmen Arroyo, Bermis Ikejofor, Brenda and Allen McDougall, Judy and Greg Simon, Catherine and Michelle Urbanski, Bob Baldauf

The meeting started at 6:32 with a prayer led by Father

The minutes of the last meeting were approved

The meeting started with Veronica asking if everyone had gotten a Welcome Packet in June. It was confirmed that everyone that did not have one got one at that time. It was asked afterwards if there were any questions on what the council did, if anyone needed clarification. Instead of anyone asking questions, it was decided that we should be told what the Council actually does, so Father summarized it:

The Council is here to help the Pastor with things he may need and it is also here to get an update on what is going on in the various committees we have here at the church. The meetings normally start with Old Business then it moves onto New Business, reports of committees if the committee member are present, any other comments, the date for the next meeting, and a closing prayer.

The matter of a Vice President was discussed next, since there still was not one at the beginning of the meeting. Father said that Bill had talked about continuing to be the VP this time around, and Bill said he would continue to be the VP. Veronica mentioned that several of us, including Bill, will not be on the Council next year, and we want the VP there to learn what the President does so they can take over for them next year. Brenda said she would try out being VP this year, but she does not want to be President next year. Sister Susanne made a motion for Brenda to be VP, Mark seconded the motion, there were no objections.

The meeting then moved onto item four on the agenda Veronica sent out before the meeting, which was the Committee Recap.

The Development Committee had the subcommittees discussed (Bull Roast, Flea Market, Plant Sale) but there was no update on those.

The Education Committee is meeting through emails. Everything is good in that committee, though they are looking for a second person in each classroom still. The Adult Education is the Christ Life. They want to find some speakers for that, but all of the speakers are too far away to get, so they're still working on that.

Evangelization Committee was next. Mark said that all of that is related to Christ Life. Dates for the second part was given and is underway. In spring, they are having Discovering Christ again, and they are thinking of having the third session in winter.

The Finance and Maintenance Committees both had no reports.

The Youth Committee is getting ready for the year now.

The Liturgy has had no meeting.

Other Events Committee has more seasonal things, and no report.

Chris would like a Doughnut Committee.

It was asked if any committees needed any help. Anyone is welcome to join any committee, but the Evangelization Committee is really in need of members.

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The meeting moved on for a moment to say that on September 13th, the Parish Picnic will be held and classes for Faith Formation will start on September 20th. This means there may not be any doughnuts in September.

The Tech Committee was the point of focus next. Bill told us that the reason the Tech Committee existed in the first place was because for the last 1 ½ - 2 years the Council discussions has been dominated by tech issues and questions, but it is becoming too much of a distraction since a lot of people who don't know how to use these tech things keep asking questions about it. Since the Tech Committee is not currently on the list of Committees, it will be put on as either its own committee or a subcommittee of Maintenance. Allen wanted to be added to the Maintenance Committee.

We moved onto the screening of the Pope in the big hall for when he comes to Philadelphia. It is recognized that this is a Tech Committee thing, so Bill was asked if he needed anything. He just needed to see the cable to see if that would work with his laptop.

Veronica moved the meeting to an important question. What do we want to accomplish as a Council? She wasn't expecting any answers this time, but she wants us to think of this question so that we can have some answers next time. She wants to have a kind of focal point to work towards so we aren't meeting without a purpose.

Norm suggested that when we have the Doughnuts and Coffee after Mass, there could be 5 or 6 tables set up for the different committees so that members of the Parish can see what is going on in the committees and possibly join as well. Veronica said that her idea had been to have a Committee Fair, but she said that Norm's idea worked as well. Father said that that was fine, but there should only be 1 or 2 committees there a month. Someone in each committee that is knowledgeable about what they are doing should be sitting at the table and they will need to be contacted.

Then, New Business was addressed.

Father said that if someone was not at the meeting and had not told anyone they wouldn't be there, they should be followed up with to know what had happened.

There were 75 people participating in Christ Life last year in the two sessions offered. They want to get those people back again for the third session, so there needed to be a way to contact them. Carman said to keep in touch with them, they could be using emails. That way everyone would be able to be involved.

We are unsure if screening the Pope here will work. The Mass he is doing starts at noon. With the video being shown in the Hall, and the Mass bound to be long, we would need a time limit for the viewing. News about the Picnic will be put into the bulletin and it will say that we are looking for volunteers for games for the kids and food for everyone.

The date for the next meeting was decided on. It will be **Thursday, September 24th**. It will start at 6:30 again, but pizza will be served at 6.

The meeting ended with a prayer again.

The official end time of the meeting was 7:22 pm

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Minutes of Pastoral Council Meeting September 2015

Meeting Minutes from September 24, 2015

The people that attended the meeting were Father Joseph Simmons, Sister Susanne Bunn, Norm Pelissier, Bill McCann, Veronica Hernandez-Shepard, Bemis Ikejofor, Brenda and Allen McDougall, Greg Simon, Michelle and Catherine Urbanski, and Marie Stobie

The meeting started with a prayer at 6:31 PM.
The old minutes were approved.

Old Business:

Our idea we had about screening the Pope will not be able to work because other people had the same idea and were able to make it better. We now know that we have the capability to screen something in the Parish Center though.

Committees:

Education: Classes have started, but attendance has been slim to none. Mostly none. Activities for kids to do are being looked for and some are there. Sister needs help with getting teenagers up to the Center and actually doing things with the Parish.

Youth: In January there is skating and snow tubing available at Avalanche or Roundtop, but Avalanche seems better. The more people that are able to go, the less the overall price will be.

Evangelization: Mark was not here, so there was no real update, however Father said that there were 53 people that signed up to attend the Following Christ program that started on September 22.

Other Committee Updates: Father met with the two other churches and they all think that they should change the Thanksgiving mass from Wednesday to that Monday before at Rumsey Island at 7 pm. Sister thought that was a good idea and thought the history museum around there should be opened, but Father said that the museum would be open when anyone wanted to look through it.

Sister got a call from from a drug take back program and thought that it would be a good idea for it to come through Joppatowne and Edgewood.

Father said that the Parish Councils of the two other churches wanted to get together with us and Norm agreed to meet with them and let us know at the next meeting.

New Business:

Halloween Party Update: This needs to be talked about at the Parent Meeting. A tentative date of November 1 will be put in the bulletin.

New Activities: The Bull Roast will be November 7.

The next meeting will be **October 22, 2015 at 6:30 PM, 6:00 PM for pizza**

The meeting ended with a closing prayer at 7:05 PM.

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Minutes of Pastoral Council Meeting October 2015

Minutes from October 22, 2015 meeting

Those in attendance: Father Joseph Simmons, Sister Susanne Bunn, Gina and Rick Krause, Veronica Hernandez-Shepard, Bill McCann, Greg and Judy Simon, Carmen Arroyo, Michelle and Catherine Urbanski, Bemis Ikejofor

The meeting started at 6:30 pm with a prayer. The minutes for the last meeting were approved.

Old Business

Committees

Education: Sister told us that everything is going well and that they are doing their meetings over email instead of face-to-face.

Evangelization: Father said that Christ Life was doing well. They just had a retreat, and will be having another one soon. This segment of Christ Life should be over by Thanksgiving. Everything is going well and Mark plans to start the 3rd session during Lent and then start up a 1st session again after Easter. St. Stephen is also going to start Christ Life for themselves, but they want to use our Parish Center.

Youth: The parent meeting went well. Many people were willing to help out. There is going to be the Trunk-or-Treat on Halloween (October 31). The plans for December are a movie night (11th) and a Drop n Shop with hot dogs where the children can do Christmas themed crafts. It is planned to send out an email to the parents every other week to keep them updated on things. Bill said there was a Baltimore Blast where one game is dedicated to a Christian group and it's about \$20, but that will be looked into further for information and if enough people would want to go. Veronica stated that in the last youth meeting the parents were feeling like we were pushing the children to other parishes instead of our own.

Other Parishes

Norm was not here, but he is waiting for Father's go ahead to talk to the other Parishes. They do not seem as willing to just jump right into socialization as we are. There are no minutes from that meeting or a date yet.

The Thanksgiving Day celebration is going to be on the Monday before on the island at 7 and it will be open to all the Parishes. We thought that may be a good time to start some socialization.

New Business

For the Halloween event, we just need a ballpark number on how many people are coming and how many cars there will be. An easel was set up at mass for people to sign up for bringing cars and/or candy.

For the Bull Roast, Sister said that Mary said that they were going to need a cut off number since it was getting pretty full. That number has been set at 130 people.

The Knights are have a breakfast with St. Nick on December 6 at Prince of Peace.

On December 8 there is going to be a meeting for high school kids and then mass for the immaculate conception.

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Minutes of Pastoral Council Meeting October 2015

There may be a guest speaker at a time to be announced who will speak on not doing drugs and how bad they are for the kids.

When we have doughnuts, we want to set up signs for a few committees to get people interested enough to hopefully join them, but there should only be about two committees per doughnut day.

Sister and Father went on a retreat they thought was really good. It was about missionaries and how we should all try to eventually become like Apostles of Jesus. It also talked about how when we are baptized there are gifts given to us that help us in the community and Father went to a different seminar that spoke about that as well but it said that the gifts were given to you but they are for the benefits of other people.

Father told us that the Archbishop wrote a letter for Catholics to read and there is a survey online that he wants people to fill out so that he can get an idea of what is going on with the people in the Faith. He plans to have that finished by the holidays. There is a link on the Parish's Facebook to the survey.

We set the next meeting to be on **November 19** at 6:30,pm, 6:00 pm for pizza.
The meeting ended with a prayer at 7:25 pm.

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Minutes of Pastoral Council Meeting November 2015

Minutes from the meeting of November 19, 2015

Those in attendance: Father Joseph Simmons, Sister Susanne Bunn, Veronica Hernandez-Shepard, Bill McCann, Michelle and Catherine Urbanski, Brenda and Allan McDougall, Norm Pelissier, Bob Baldauf, Mark Dubyoski

The meeting was started at 6:30

The minutes from the last meeting were approved.

Old Business:

Christ Life: The second part ended. It went great and almost everyone who was there signed up for the next part. They plan to start the first part again after Easter and it will be announced when the time comes closer. Anyone who has been through the sessions are welcome to go through them all again.

Halloween Event: It went very well. There were 21 cars and about 100 children. There was a firetruck and fire car as well as two police car there. However, the parking lot was crowded because there were the people from St. Stephen's there.

Bull and Oyster Roast: It was sold out and it went great.

Committees:

Education: Sister went emails to the members of the committee with every process but there have been no emails back. Communication is going well.

Evangelization: There is still the survey that has to be done. It is unsure about how many people have taken the survey. There are still hard copies in the back of the church for those that need them.

Youth: There is a Drop n Shop on December 11 here from 6 to 9. The Knights will provide juice boxes and snacks. There will be Christmas movies and crafts for the children. There will be another parent meeting in January, and we are trying for the 24th. There will also be ice skating sometime in January.

Financial Report: Everyone got it. Some people looked at it, while others did not. Those that did not should look at it.

New Business:

SHIELD training is replacing STAND. Every volunteer and every person that is working with children must take the SHIELD test after reading the online provided texts. This is a must. There is a Parish App that hopefully will be a way to reach the younger generation. Another App is Flock Notes which is for the Parish to keep in touch with the Parish members and it will make contacting people easier.

The Catholic Review is coming out quarterly instead of weekly and it is also going digital but not for every Parish.

There is a Thanksgiving morning mass. There is also a Monday before Thanksgiving service and dinner at Rumsey Island which will be the first opportunity to meet the leaders of other Parishes.

There will be a breakfast with St. Nick at Prince of Peace on December 6. The following Sunday, December 13, the Lions Club is hosting a breakfast with Santa here.

There is a county-wide Empty Stocking that we give donations to coming up.

There are other organizations in need of clothes and food for Christmas.

The Senior citizens will need some household items.

Holy Spirit Church

Minutes of Pastoral Council Meeting November 2015

There will be a reconciliation service on Saturday, December 12 at 10 am

The next meeting will be on January 13, a Wednesday at 6:30pm, 6:00pm for pizza
The meeting ended at 7:29 with a prayer

NO MEETING