

## Meeting Minutes, January 2017

### Holy Spirit Parish Council

*Attendees: Father Simmons, Sister Susanne, Gregg Simon, Judy Simon, Juan Cortes, Beth Capacio, Kathy Meneghini, John Voit, Norm Pelissier, Brian Shell, Doug Smith, Jennie Beares*

Opening Prayer, November 2016 minutes approved

**Maintenance Committee:** Minutes were submitted from the December meeting. A vendor has been chosen for the HVAC system in the church (Krause Heating and Air).

**Internal Audit Report:** A copy of the report from the successful audit was sent to the Parish Council President from the diocese.

**Annual Appeal:** Meeting will be held at St. Joseph Fullerton on January 25th, and we can expect to hear about it at the next parish council meeting from Father and other Holy Spirit attendees. The mailer has already gone out to parishioner's homes, the announcement at Mass is the last Sunday in January, and in pew collections will begin in early February.

**Parish Web Site:** Phil has indicated that the web site could use an update, and he is aware of a few free software systems that would work. He also had a suggestion to incorporate some of the content from the council minutes. An announcement will be placed in the bulletin to request knowledgeable and available parishioners to assist him with the site. Discussion around additional potential content included a link to the diocesan information about the pastorate planning (Be Missionary Disciples). That could ensure awareness and access to information for those interested, even though the transitions are expected to be very slow. An introductory comment about the plans and pace would likely be helpful.

**Calendar** (awareness of upcoming events): dinner dance March 26<sup>th</sup>, Shroud talk likely in April.

#### **Pastor's Report:**

- The Archbishop's Appeal needs to launch well. The diocese does most of the work, and the ushers essentially handle the three weekends in the church.
- Lenten activities begin with Ash Wednesday on March 1<sup>st</sup>. There will be Scripture study after the morning Mass that day. We will have Stations of the Cross as in the past. There is discussion around an additional evening Scripture study, and some volunteers who are looking to make that happen.
- We are awaiting a formal decision from the bishop about a Confirmation date.

#### **Faith Formation, Sister Susanne:**

- The first formal Epiphany celebration went very well. It will probably be repeated next year, and may be even better because of the experience from this time.
- The required family life segment of faith formation, which is required by the diocese, will begin shortly. Sister gave a high level overview, and reported that the teachers find it positive.
- Confirmation preparation is underway. We have one student from Holy Spirit.

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**Additional Council Discussion:** Jennie Beares initiated discussion around improvement projects and funding. We need the HVAC work as above; an additional proposed expenditure to upgrade the parking lot was voiced as a concern by several at the town hall meeting. Council members would consider a dedicated one-time appeal to parishioners for specific donations to each of these. Potentially, half of each expense could come from the appeal and half from the parish savings, allowing both projects to be accomplished soon. The parish picture directory is coming up soon, and council members agreed it has been a very good result over the years.

***NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16<sup>TH</sup>.***