

**Holy Spirit Parish Council**  
**Meeting minutes April 18, 2017**

Attendees

Deb and Bob Baldauf, Brian Shell, Norm Pelissier, John Voit, Father Simmons, Beth Capacio, Jennie Beares, Doug Smith, Sister Susanne

**Opening Prayer**

**Old Business**

- February minutes approved. (March meeting had been cancelled due to weather)
- Christ Life program: starts this week with 30 registrants. This segment is entitled Following Christ.
- Annual Appeal final numbers were very successful, over the target dollar amount goal, though participation was light with few families contributing
- Improvement projects: the hot water heater and plumbing updates for the church bathrooms are completed. HVAC will be next.
- Web site upgrades: a volunteer has joined with Phil, and they will hopefully begin some work when able
- Dinner dance: had been postponed, but team looking into the possibility of a date in the fall
- Lenten activities: the meal with Stations of the Cross was well received. Bible study has one more week as of this meeting date.

**Announcements**

- Palm Sunday procession was led by Father Simmons and went well (despite some initial miscues about time with the other churches)
- Parish Council nominations: current members are asked/invited to continue to serve. Some new candidates have also been identified, aiming for twelve. Elections will be at the May meeting and the first meeting for new members will be in June. Father will check with Peggy Doty about having the June meeting at her place as in the past.

**Committee Reports**

- Education/Faith Formation:
  - Three current catechists will need to be replaced for next year. Nominations should go to Sister Susanne. All classes would be on Sunday mornings (between the Masses).
  - Last class for this year is the upcoming Sunday
  - First Communion will be April 30<sup>th</sup>

**Council Items**

- Calendar: Christ Life starts 4/20, Plant Sale 5/5 and 5/6, Flea Market 6/23-6/24, Crab Feast 7/29. Prince of Peace Fiesta first weekend in June

**Pastor's Report**

- Grounds work is being done by the Knights of Columbus and weed pulling by Jo Ann Miller
- We have several new altar servers (thank you Kellie Simon)

- Pastorate discussions and planning continue at the diocesan level. Eventually there will probably be one parish council for the whole pastorate (3 churches). Discussion at the meeting around planning an event for Holy Spirit council members to meet the Prince of Peace and St. Francis council members.
- Father is again reminding the members to wear name badges at Mass and encouraging us to greet parishioners as they come into church.
- Confirmation and the parish feast day will both be on Pentecost Sunday (coming up soon)

**New Business:**

- Possible late summer event for Parish Council members from the pastorate churches. (Discussion to be continued.) A team for planning will be assembled.

**Closing Prayer/Blessing**

**Next Meetings:**

- Tuesday **May 16<sup>th</sup>** will include elections.
- June date TBA, once Father can check with Peggy
- Tuesday **September 19<sup>th</sup>**
- July and August have no meeting date