

## Holy Spirit Parish Council

### Meeting Agenda

September 26, 2017

Attendees: Father Simmons, Sister Susanne, Juan Cortes, Gregg Simon, Judy Simon, Beth Capacio, Jenny Beares, Johnny Serrano, Norman Pelissier, John Voit

#### Opening Prayer

#### Old Business

- May minutes approved
- August event for Parish Council members from the pastorate went well. We will be inviting them again to the Community Rosary for the Fatima anniversary, and continue to reconnect quarterly.
- Christ Life program underway again, 25-30 attendees
- Dinner dance went well. Thanks to the Simons for extensive cleanup.
- Raven's basket was a successful fundraiser

#### Announcements

- Saint Mark's Parish is having a Rosary Week with several components and all are invited/encouraged to attend

#### Committee Reports

- Liturgy: October is Rosary Month and Respect Life Month
- Finance: The team is working on the annual report that goes to the bishop in the fall. Weekend contributions have increased over last year, so we do not expect a deficit like on the last report.
- Community Relations
- Outreach: Discussion around considering a formal sister parish, as well as mechanisms to contribute to hurricane relief in Puerto Rico
- Maintenance: Replacement project for heating and cooling on track to resume after some unavoidable delays over the summer
- Education/Faith Formation: We do have a few new families. Sister would welcome suggestions about dealing with those who drop out.

#### Council Items

- Calendar: Adoration October 1, Community Rosary October 15, Trunk or Treat October 28
- Buns and coffee: Father will donate a toaster and we will put the announcement signs prominently for parishioners to see
- Parishioner suggestion: adding a railing in church on the steps to the altar platform has been suggested before, and may be considered – e.g., when the carpet is replaced.

**Pastor's Report:** as captured elsewhere in the minutes, as well as Father asks that the council members bring these news items from the meeting to fellow parishioners.

**New Business:**

- Community Rosary/Fatima anniversary on October 15<sup>th</sup>, inviting the parishes within Harford County and St. Stephen. Refreshments after in the hall. All organized thanks to Jenny Beares.
- Kelly Simon planning to do recruiting for altar servers again this year.

**Closing Prayer/Blessing****Next Meeting:**

- October 24<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday