

Holy Spirit Parish Pastoral Council

Meeting Minutes

May 24, 2018

Opening

The regular meeting of the Holy Spirit Parish Pastoral Council was called to order at 6:33 p.m. on May 24, 2018 in the Multipurpose Room by Helen Kelleher.

Present

Father Dwayne, Jeff Jochum (Finance), Rosie Langkamp, Susan Dazey, Garry Redmond, Marlene Woller (Social Justice), Helen Kelleher, Karl Kohnen (Liturgy), Jen Hayes, Mike Dodds (Faith Formation), Nicole Baumgartner, Deacon Jim Thill, Father Andrew, Karen Stoffel, Sue Hahlen.

Absent

Kelly O'Hea, Mary Ostrander (Stewardship), Erin Daughetee (Youth),

Opening Prayer and Study

Prayer was led by Father Dwayne. Discussion on the final section of our study included questions for thought and conversation which were located in our worksheet packet. Father queried the council ... where do we go from here as a parish? Some ideas shared:

1. Being conscious of doing things in the context of prayer
 - Other committees are meeting within the content of prayer as well (faith sharing)
2. Continue to develop leadership – deepen our skills through development and training to become effective leaders
 - September 8 -- Leadership study day, all leaders should attend to continue our vision of for the parish with the information learned from our study
 - Intentional stewardship. Educating parish members about the real definition of stewardship; in all aspects of the word. Time, talent, treasure, and beyond.
3. Where do we see this experience/study going from here? Beyond the study day what is the vision?
 - Various committees would take materials and start to generate ideas for the New Evangelization as it relates to the parish.
4. More collaboration between committees to vet ideas between committees and begin to open discussions with others outside of their respective committees.

Approval of Minutes

April minutes were approved with the following revision:

- Elizabeth Smart will be presenting May 31st, not the 3rd as indicated.

Update on Strategic Plan

The Holy Spirit Parish Strategic Plan is available online (website) and in our binders. Father Dwayne has asked respective committees to keep working on aspects of their plan. For this year (2018), Father Dwayne discussed items that were specifically in the plan and being completed or complete; his updates did not include other activities that are not listed within the actual plan.

Father Dwayne reviewed activities of each Committee during his update. He has encouraged all committees to take responsibility for hospitality within the parish.

Election of Officers on Council/Committees

Pastoral Council newly elected members are: Steve Jacobs, Kara Schroeder, Helen (2nd term).

The following seats were elected and approved:

- Chair: Helen Kelleher
- Vice Chair: Rosie Langkamp
- Secretary: OPEN (will revisit at September meeting)
- Next Pastoral Council meeting will be in September.

Faith Formation Commission newly elected members are: Sarah Little, Lucas Roth, and Kim Schmidt

Pastors Report

Father Dwayne shared that a lot has been happening in the last month. Many things are wrapping up and we are beginning to schedule new events.

Father mentioned that we will be interviewing for the position of Coordinator of Youth and Adult Formation beginning the week of May 28. We currently have two interested candidates one of which we have chosen not to interview due to lack of qualifications.

Father reported about the five men who were ordained to transitional deacons on May 25, 2018, they are: Deacons Jim Goerend, Tom Heathershaw, Josh Link, Michael McAndrew, and Tyler Raymond. Additionally, Fathers Jacob Rouse and Andy Upah were ordained to the order of the priesthood on May 26, 2018. Please continue to pray for all of them.

Committee Reports

Finance – Jeff Jochum shared that the parish received a partial distribution from Gorjup estate which has been used to help with our deficit to the Holy Family assessment. He shared that our financial status has not changed due to the current assessment. The letter written by Father Dwayne to the Holy Family board addressing the assessment issue has not been responded to, in fact, Jeff called it an ominous silence. As of now, the ball is in their (Holy Family) court.

Two members of finance committee will be completing their service: Dan Dodds and Dwyne Frick. Chris DeMaio is still considering another term on the council. They will be welcoming Jenny Daughetee and Peter McNamara to the council in place of the two aging out. A third possible member could be Sebastian Yaklin should Chris DeMaio choose not to run for a second term.

Finance Council has elected and approved the following seats:

- Chair: Jeff Jochum
- Vice Chair: Gary Yaeger

Unfortunately, the DRA grant was not awarded to us. Only two churches in the area were awarded a grant along with a host of schools. The number of grants we are vetting and applying for needs to be reevaluated. Jeff will speak with Mary Lou about this.

Stewardship – Mary Ostrander asked Nicole to report that the committee has asked Nicole Baumgartner and Mike Dodds to attend their June meeting to discuss ways to increase involvement and giving from our parish youth. The committee will hear from a representative from Our Sunday Visitor regarding a giving campaign for this fall.

Liturgy Committee – Karl reported that the committee has significantly increased participation in the parish chorale. The committee has completed a musician in-service and continues to study the Living As Missionary Disciples booklet. All are glad to be in ordinary time.

Faith Formation – Mike Dodds reports that he, Cathy Stierman and Ann Rettenmeier have all completed their terms. The Commission has elected and approved the following seats:

- Chair – Vince Meis
- Vice Chair – Kevin Berg
- Secretary – Lisa Wobbema

The Commission wrapped up their review of the year and reflected on how they are doing as a parish. Mike made suggestions regarding parish activities and direction for engaging the parish moving into fall; in August, he would like to see Faith Formation dig into where evangelization is leading us, where we can/should go as a parish, where do we get the information and how do we get it into the mainstream of the parish.

Social Justice – Marlene had no report since the committee did not meet in May.

Youth Leadership – The Youth Leadership team will meet in late May and continue to talk about ideas for summer service and open gym time. July 20th Holy Spirit Youth will host a Blood Drive at Holy Ghost to raise funds for upcoming youth events and service projects.

Evangelization Team – Deacon Jim reported that the team had just met on Tuesday night. They spent time in the meeting discussing the domestic church and college care package project. The Clothe the Naked is going well and they currently have one family that has completed an application.

Marriage and Family – Father Andrew reported that the team is trying to expand their membership and reached out to invite new people. New members include: Dave and Deb Welsh and Gary and Sherry Yaeger. They continue to discuss ways to grow in numbers as a committee. They discussed that our Baptism class is a good way to recruit new young families. They summoned the noble Deacon Jim to speak with the committee to vet ideas on recruitment and offered to help during the Baptism classes.

Lastly, the committee is speaking about challenges that families face, particularly, with pornography. They are looking at ways to address the issue as a parish and help support the efforts of the staff; specifically, how we can work together to raise awareness and educate families about this issue.

Miscellaneous –

1. Future agenda item: elect a Secretary for the Council at the September meeting.
2. Nicole reminded the council about Totus Tuus and program donations. We currently have 26 students registered. Also, Nicole reminded the council to RSVP for the Parish Leadership Picnic on Thursday, June 7th, at Eagle Point Park. If you have not yet done so, please RSVP here: <https://holyspiritdbq.rsvpify.com>
3. Last but not least

THANK YOU ... to Jen Hayes and Garry Redmond for your gift of time and leadership on the Pastoral Council! God bless you both!

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. by Helen Kelleher. The next Pastoral Council meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. on September 27, 2018, in the Multipurpose Room.

Minutes submitted by: Nicole Baumgartner