Holy Spirit Catholic Church

A Parish of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg

Parish Council Meeting Minutes

February 7, 2024

6:45 p.m. Prayer/reflection in the Multi-Purpose Room – Lisa Haus led the group in the Responsorial Psalm 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40 and the purpose of Psalms within our faith.

7:00 p.m. Meeting in the MPR – Called to order at 7pm by Barb DiBrito, Parish Council Chair.

1. Open with Prayer
2. Finance Report (Brian Nornhold)
    - See Finance Report Attached – Appendix A
    - Pat DiNunzio asked questions related to refurbishments in the church.
      All windows are paid.
      Leak in the church behind the choir area. Multiple leaks identified by Rob Shelton.

3. Review/edit/approve December minutes (Council)
    - Motion Made by Rob Shelton to accept the minutes with corrections.
    - 2nd by Pat DiNunzio.
    - All approved.

4. Old Business
    a. Update on pondless waterfall – outside entrance by the bench area. Scheduled for April. The individual gifting will provide maintenance for several years. (Janet)
    a. Final report on Virtual Ministry Fair – (Carla Gallo)
        - 49 responses, a few were empty.
        - Many ministries received new member interest.
        - List of ministry responses sent to Holly and forwarded to the Ministry Leads.
        - Ideas for new ministries: Pregnant Unwed Mothers, Singles Meet-Up, Discussion Group on the new Synod, Greeters at each Mass, Young Adult Social – Pickle Ball, Inclusion and Social Needs of Special Needs Parishioners, First 5 for Newly Married Couples, Youth Service Club, Culture Club.
        - Discussion that some of the ideas could fit with current ministries.

    c. Review of rights/responsibilities of Ministries with regard to events and fundraising (Janet Parks, Fr. Anthony)
        - How to set boundaries around fundraising. There are two major fundraisers for the church: Fish Fry and Festival
        - PREP is being inundated with requests.

- Discussed how to handle individuals asking to fundraise and be approved. Discussed the Diocesan Annual Appeal and how the Parish does not solicit parishioners except for initial weekend while ministries continually have fundraising activities.
- Review Board for the fundraisers. Sub-committee with Parish Council and the Finance Council. Motion made by Carla Gallo to Develop and sub-committee of Parish Council and Finance Council to meet to approve fundraisers. Motion 2nd by . All approved. 2 members, Mark, and Maria will represent Parish Council.
- Janet discussed the process of budgeting for the ministries.

d. Archives committee and cabinet in Narthex (Fr. Anthony)
   - Ministries to showcase, First Communion, Showcase the work of the Parish. Something that is coming up in the calendar year of the church. 5-minute discussion at Council on what is coming in the archives.
   - Caring Ministry will take photos of the homebound to put in the archives case so that parishioners can pray for them during Lent.

e. Council elections for 2024
   - Nominations – 6 members rotate off – some were elected, some were appointed. Will get some nominations for 2024.
   - When to hold elections – April is the last meeting and will add May as a thank you

f. Further discussion on recommendations for outreach to those who don't attend Church and those who have no Christian background

2. New Business
a. Spiritual Survey (Fr. Anthony)
2. Ministry Updates
3. Prayer/Reflection leader volunteer for 4/17/24 meeting
4. Closing Prayer

Future Meetings (all are Wednesdays, 6:45 prayer/reflection followed by 7:00 meeting):

- 4/17/24