



Holy Spirit Catholic Church

A Parish of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg

Parish Council Meeting Minutes

April 19, 2023

6:45 - 7:00 p.m. Private prayer / reflection

Reflection and Prayer led by Becky Messimer

7:00 p.m. Meeting in Social Hall – Call to Order by Carla Gallo

1. Finance Report (Ken) - Submitted report attached.
 - ✓ Brian Nornhold will be chair of next year's finance committee.
 - ✓ Question from Council: Finance operates independently of the Parish.
 - ✓ Council. The finance committee reports to the Parish Council but does not need to be approved by the Parish Council. Some items are approved by the Parish Council, and we ask that Finance Council to find the funds to make it happen.
 - ✓ Parish Council if there was strong concern could have a bigger discussion with finance council.
2. Review/edit/approve March minutes (Council)
 - ✓ Motion to approve by Rob Shelton and seconded by Mark Totaro
 - ✓ Change to minutes corrected from last month:
 - Spelling of name.
3. New Business
 - A. Parish Council Elections
 - Candidates
 - Ken Beaner
 - Alison Brooks
 - Kristen Cary
 - Pat DiNunzio
 - Maria Macus
- ✓ Motion to use survey monkey for parish council elections.
- ✓ Motion to leave it open for a week. Both by motions by Barb Dibrito and seconded by Susan Kelley-Dreiss.

B. Church renovations update

- ✓ Painting and Lighting to Diocese for approval.
- ✓ 2 Pods will be rented to secure storage of Parish items while renovations are in place.
- ✓ A letter will go to the Parish Council identifying that the church will be “refreshed” and where mass will be held during that time. Suggestion that it should come from the Parish Council and Finance Council as a joint endeavor.
- ✓ Colors and Carpet to remain as close to original color as possible.

C. Update on survey results (Fr. Anthony) – Power Point Attached

- ✓ 190+/- results
- ✓ The majority want outside Mass to continue outside with the stipulation of exception for bad weather.
- ✓ Do you trade stories about the Bible in the last year?
- ✓ 4 Main Stories:
- ✓ The Last Supper – 77% knew or could teach about it.
- ✓ Known Stories from the Bible – Major Stories were known.
- ✓ Baptism Ritual – Cleansing of Original Sin and others were discussed.
- ✓ What happens when the Eucharist is consumed – Favorable Understanding of the Eucharist.
- ✓ Do you think most non-Catholics believe pretty much the same thing? The majority of people believe there is a difference. But 30% still believe that it is the same.

Recommendations:

Discussion on how to present results to the parish. Discussed investing 4-6 weeks on the questions presented in the survey. Discussed having testimony to the sacraments.

D. Discussion for greater reverence before Mass (Bill Lavage)

- ✓ Discussed the culture of reverence before and after mass.
- ✓ Suggested posting something on the white board.
- ✓ Suggested reviewing 8-week catechetical renewal while the church is being renewed.

E. Altar flowers (Bill Lavage)

- ✓ Discussed appearance of the flowers on the altar.
- ✓ Discussed about having more brightness of the flowers.

- ✓ Discussed if the flower contractor could be contacted to discuss the quality and color.

F. New June meeting date

- ✓ Reschedule for conflict.
- ✓ Rescheduled to Wednesday, June 7th.

5. Old Business

- Update on Red Cross CPR training – American Red Cross to train.
- Ushers are agreeable and we will have a few others.

5. Ministry Updates

- New Divorce Care Ministry led by Karen Raugh
- Adult Faith Study (Becky Messimer)
 - ✓ Interested in opinion survey and how to get more adult males involved.
 - ✓ Survey on the website.
- A/V: Are there any technology needs/wants that should be evaluated?
 - ✓ Sound panels will be needed after the renovations are completed.
 - ✓ Microphone lapel additional.
- CGS: Looking for anyone feeling called to learn more about CGS, receive training to be a catechist or an assistant (Becky Messimer)

6. Discussion for Next Meeting:

Active Shooter Assessment discussed – Ed Burns provided that there is an assessment that can be completed.

Closing Prayer – Father Anthony

Future Council Meetings: 2023: June 7th