



Holy Spirit Catholic Church

A Parish of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg

Parish Council Minutes

January 11, 2023

6:45 - 7:00 p.m. Private prayer / reflection led by Susan Kelly-Dreiss
Come Holy Spirit Prayer

Present: Fr. Anthony Dill, Janet Parks, Becky Messimer, Barb DiBrito, Rob Shelton, Susan Kelly-Dreiss, Bill Lavage, Ed Burns, Mark Totaro, Michelle Emerick, Kenneth Beaner, Carla Christy Gallo

Excused: Katie Rohrbach, Lisa Haus, Renee Amillio

7:00 p.m. Meeting in Classroom D – Call to Order Carla Gallo

I. Open with Prayer - Carla Gallo

II. Finance Report – Ken Beaner

- ✓ Attached report provided by Ken Beaner.
- ✓ Janet Parks provided an explanation on the DAC assessment process. We believe that there will be a shortfall that will be taken out of the operational budget.
- ✓ Focus Grant – ability to apply for ministry grant – Janet Parks
 - ✓ (Sideline) Mat Cats is running well. Appreciative of the space. Brings potential members with children into the Parish who may have some misconceptions about church.– Ken Beaner
 - ✓ Carla brought up having a liability waiver for the property. Janet provided we will address a waiver for next year.

III. Approval of November Parish Council Minutes – Council Members

- ✓ Minutes reviewed and motion made to accept by Rob Shelton. Seconded by Mark Totaro. All approved.

IV. New Business

- Parish Council Elections
 - ✓ Solicitation Bulletin in January. Nominations due in February.
 - ✓ Pastor's Message Announcement at Services
 - ✓ 8-15 members – 2 members are leaving. We currently have 12 members.
 - ✓ Handout to go in the bulletin this week or next week. Janet to locate the flyer.
 - ✓ Nominations due by Friday, February 19th
- Synod Round 2 – Father Anthony
 - ✓ Eucharistic Revival Theme
 - ✓ 8th Grade level involvement
 - ✓ What do we hope to gain? More personal faith experiences.
- Church renovations – Janet Parks
 - ✓ Contract signed to refurbish the pews.

- ✓ Should the painting, floors, sound panels, and LED lighting be completed. Committee working on this project and what and when should items be completed.
- ✓ Without sound - \$300,000 project. Finance committee has proposals and will be presented to the parish. Timeline is 8-12 weeks to complete the project. Coordination with church events, ie: Weddings
- ✓ Floor and Painting were on the reserve list.
- ✓ Sound Panels – looking at contractors. Another company will be coming to discuss.
- ✓ All new kneelers and slanted pews at the sides that tilt inward with handicapped seating mixed.
- ✓ Will update the Parish with plans for the pews being completed.
- ✓ Discussed what needs to be accomplished in the next budgeting process and will prioritize – Buildings and Grounds will meet to provide.

V. Past items (Council)

- ✓ Handout to parents on how to manage children. Agreed that after the church renovations are completed, we would institute.
- ✓ CPR and AED training for the Parish Ushers. Carla Gallo will follow-up with training.
- ✓ Stained Glass Windows – Behind by 3 weeks. He is working on the Presentation and Solomons Temple. Next: Annunciation and 3 Men and the Fiery Furnace
- ✓ Stained Glass cards with description of the window and verses reflecting the window.

VI. Ministry Updates

- ✓ 35 Updates back – satisfied with the Ministry – Carla Gallo
- ✓ Council Members provided that the form was easy to use. Explained use of the updated form. Will send out a reminder 2 weeks prior to the next Parish Council Meeting.
- ✓ Caring Ministry – Michelle Emerick provided an announcement will go out next two weeks seeking Ministers to add to the Caring Ministry. We have facilities looking for help with Bible Studies for their residents. Do we have a ministry that will help? Michelle will create a flyer to send out to the Ministries.
- ✓ Social Justice – Father Anthony had a discussion with Doris about the ministry. Father Anthony will have a conversation with Mark Totaro.
- ✓ Adult Faith – Becky Messimer – Conversation on Ministries and what is happening with each Ministry to tie into one Parish Schedule was brought forward. Becky will connect with member to understand the request.
- ✓ Ushers/Greeters – Bill Lavage – Services Dogs are allowed.
- ✓ Reminder to communicate with Ministry if they voiced needs from the Parish Council – Council Members

VII. Closing Prayer – Father Anthony

- ✓ Prayer of the Rosary

Next Council Meeting: Wednesday, March 8, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Emerick