



Holy Spirit Catholic Church

A Parish of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg

Parish Council Minutes

November 16, 2022

- I. Meeting called to Order by Carla Gallo, Chair at 7:00pm.
- II. Finance Report – Janet Parks
Focus Giving Envelope – January will be for stained glass.
Expenses are underbudget at 25.8% - Overbudget items: Festival Fundraising, Travel and Transportation (Double Budget). End of October \$15,000 in checking – Money was transferred to savings. Lebanon Catholic Debt – Over 3-year period September and October paid. Total debt \$41,000. Budgeting will soon start for 2023-2024 budget year.
Stained Glass Window \$20,000/window, first 2 were provided by donation.
- III. September Parish Council Minutes – Carla Gallo
Minutes from last meeting were reviewed and approved with corrections provided. Bill Lavage made motion to approve. Seconded by Rob Shelton. All approved.
- IV. Pew Repair – Janet Parks and Father Anthony
Company out of Mt. Joy met with Carla, Father, Joe, Janet, and Cate.
All Pews will come out, stain removed, repaired, and re-stained.
New kneeler's w/ pads will be replaced - \$90,000 cost.
Carpeting needs replaced, and painting of the church – Plan to complete while the Pews are out. Also, replace the lights to LEDs and keep fixtures in place.
Currently soliciting for the entire project. Pew company will manage the project.
Sound panels to be installed on the back wall to help with the sound reverberation in the church. Final cost has not been provided.
Finance Council agrees with the plan.
Plan for indoor Mass to set up in old church for about 2 weeks.
Timeframe: Summer, 2023.

Adoration Chapel Pew cushions have arrived and are installed.
- V. Children's Activity in the Church – Carla Gallo
Has not been neglected with message to parishioners. We will be awaiting the Pew repair and renovations of the church before implementation.

- VI. Eucharistic Revival – Father Anthony
Another round of questions to the Parish via Survey Monkey. Increase understanding and devotion to the Eucharist. Parishioners to share experience with Eucharistic Miracles.
Father Anthony discussed the Miracle of Lanciano.
Recommendation: Diversify in ages for the survey.
Father asked what the council felt was a focus need. Presented were individuals not feeling welcome and the personal connection that was needed.
Discussed potential of Greeters at Mass – Youth Greeter discussed.
Discussed offering chairs to those that walk in for outdoor Mass as they may be visitors who don't know to bring them.
Discussed Father Welcoming visitors at Mass.
Discussed the Youth and how to reach them. Blogging or other social media – Focus was discussed, and topics were discussed such as volunteer opportunities with the environment to connect teens to other teens. Father discussed talking to small group to engage others from their peer group.
- VII. Mat Cats – Brad Cary is the leader of the group. Palmyra's Elementary Wrestling Club was practicing in Annville. Expectation is to introduce families into the church through the wrestling program. Mat Cats is present in the church 4 nights a week. (No Practice Thursday). This is an experimental effort to use the space this year to gain youth and families into the church.
Parish Council Members discussed a liability waiver from the club – Hold Harmless – Father and Janet to investigate further.
- VIII. Holy Spirit Book Club – Mary Ann Dreyfus
"One Parish; One Book" – Open discussion of the book and or/within the family.
First book to discuss: The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe – C. S. Lewis
Discussed Parish Library – Advertising Opportunities – Need for new librarian.
Suggestion was to use the Formed Website to obtain books.
- IX. Stations of the Cross – Father Anthony
Best way to navigate the Outdoor Stations. Placards will be going out to label the stations.
Map is needed to follow the stations. Discussed PREP – 7th and 8th grade participation.
- X. Past Items:
Ministry Update Form – Carla Gallo
Form Change Created through Google Docs - Carla did a review on how to use the document.
Janet asked how this will be available to the Parish as it is uploaded on the website? It can be seen in an Excel Format that can then be shared with the Parish. Discussed the best method to obtain information from Ministry Leaders.
Council Member should be checking their Ministry Leader to present the concerns discussed.

Discussed obtaining response from the individuals – May not be using the Ministry Website.
Some individuals use their personal email.

XI. Parish Council Discussion of Needs from the Ministries:

Social Justice Ministry:

PAC Dinner – Need kitchen committee. Matching utensils. Use of disposable equipment.

There is a process for utilizing the kitchen that was not followed.

Set Up for events is a challenge as no one oversees that.

Janet has offered to meet with the individual on how to use certain items in the kitchen.

Agreed that Biodegradable should be used for our bigger events after the current stock is utilized.

Caring Ministry: Michelle Emerick

A celebration of the work of the Caring Ministry is scheduled for November 19th and invited Parish Council members to attend.



Need of the Facilities:

- Londonderry Village – Rosary Recital 2nd Monday of the month at 11am – Bill Lavage will reach out to the Knights at next meeting on November 17, 2022, to see if they can get a volunteer.

Archives:

Some discussion of the inclusion of past parish Priests in the archives. No action to be taken at this time.

XII. Closing

Father offered resuscitation of the Rosary

Meeting Concluded at 8:55pm.

