

Holy Cross Parish Council Meeting

6:30 - 8:30 PM

January 13, 2010

Upper Room – Parish Life Center

Mission Statement: Called by God through Baptism, empowered by the Holy Spirit, formed by the Word, nourished by the Eucharist, we gather in our diversity as a community-- of faith, worship, and service, to share with others the love of Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord.

MINUTES

Attendance: Bob Clarke, Scott Niedzialek, Larry Wetzel, Brian Clifford, Sam O’Kane, Evelyn Monark, Fr. Rush, Linda Contreras, Mimi Campbell, Linda Van Scooter, Walter Karvetski, RoseMarie Woodell, Karl Rony

Opening Prayer
Welcome

Mimi Campbell
Bob Clarke

Old Business

- Parish Council Mass on January 24th. Thank you to everyone for volunteering!
There will be an announcement before Mass and Father Rush will ask the PC members to stand after Mass so everyone can see who their Council representatives are.
- Update on Executive Council discussion on Time & Talent chair function / description of duties. Scott to talk to Ann Echols for definition of duties for this position. “Stewardship Day” is now targeted for 2-3 committees once each month (Sat/Sun Masses) through 2010. Propose “term limits” for Chairs of no more than 3 years, with the last year being co-chair with their successor.
This remains an open item that will also be discussed with the Executive Committee.
- Parish Council page on HC website (<http://www.holycrosslynchburg.org/council.htm>)
Council agreed to post the minutes to the website as well as distribute in the bulletin.

New Business

- Michael VanNess from Lynchburg Grows (LG) to give a short (20 minutes) presentation on what they do, answer questions, and discuss possible activities for possible service projects (youth and others).
Excellent presentation and wonderful work being done by LG. Many opportunities exist for service hours and learning opportunities for our youth and adults. It was noted that 3 of the last 4 years the “volunteer of the year” at LG was a Holy Cross parishioner!
- **Additional item from Scott Niedzialek:**
Council needs to start thinking now how we want to get people discerned to replace those who will finish their PC terms in 2010; 1) personal invite and bring to a council meeting; 2) at a Mass - have council members tell why they enjoy it and how this service to our parish community is important; 3) look at list of people from last year; etc.

Break: Refreshments - RoseMarie Woodell

Pastors Report /Budget

Fr. Rush

Father handed out an overview of the annual report for Holy Cross that covers the last 5 years. We are doing well as a parish. Discussed current status of the year-to-date budget. Acknowledged the great work by the Jesse Tree committee and the delivery of all the items during the bad weather.

Young Adult Ministry

Mimi Campbell

Young adult retreat/convention in Hampton end of January (five will attend). In December they baked cookies for Daily Bread and had a great turnout and a large amount of cookies. Daily Bread was very happy!

Christian Formation

Linda Contreras

Sandra Tapia gave an update on the Youth Group. Recently, the group had a pizza social, an ice cream social, bake sale, and designed T-shirts for the group to be a visible presence. They also helped stock the canned goods for Thanksgiving and Christmas. First week of February the Youth Group will have a flag football event on Saturday so they do not interfere with RelEd classes on Sunday. They are hoping to go tubing at Wintergreen the last weekend of February. They are also hoping to get together with other local parishes for events in the near future. About 32 youths signed up for Youth Group, but meetings vary from a few people up to about 15.

Adult faith formation on 2nd Vatican council topics will continue on January 31st (information is in the bulletin). The adult formation team is looking for ideas for the next four speakers. They are also planning to organize mother-daughter and father-son retreats. Souper Bowl is coming on February 7th! They are planning an inter-generational bingo night near Valentine's Day. About 40 kids from several local parishes are going on retreat for Confirmation class this weekend (Jan 16-17).

Holy Cross School

Karl Rony

Two new board members. PTO is sponsoring a cash raffle on Feb 6th. Wine tasting and art auction on April 17th. Still looking for a school head.

Youth Representative

TBD

See Sandra Tapia's report in Christian Formation section.

Pastoral Care

Marge Chamberlin

No report. Marge's mother passed away. Please keep their family in your prayers.

Social Ministry

Evelyn Monark

Next meeting will be in March. 32 people signed up for Just Neighbors program at HC and 35 signed up at St. Thomas Moore. Just Neighbors is about social justice. It is an eight week program that will finish at Holy Week.

Jesse Tree committee had all the presents and food ready to go and all the volunteers showed up just before the snow started and amazingly delivered all the items before the snow got bad. Great work!!

Fellowship Committee

Marie Anstey

No report. Evelyn noted the great job done by Marie on Father's birthday celebrations!

Hispanic Report

Arturo Fernandez-Lopez

Linda Contreras report: Classes in Spanish continue. This Sunday is the blessing of candles. Encourage people to come to the Ash Wednesday service. Many activities: Stations of the Cross will be after Mass; Easter Angels eggs; Little Rock scripture study in Spanish.

Closing Prayer

Bob Clarke

Next Exec. Committee Meeting

January 27th (Wed)

Next Committee Meeting

February 10th (Wed)