

# Holy Cross Parish Council Meeting

6:30 - 8:30 PM

March 16, 2011

Upper Room – Parish Life Center

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**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, Larry Wetzel, Fr. Rush, Linda Contreras, Linda VanScooter, Walter Karvetski, Patrick Ivie, Brian Clifford, Mary Lexa, Rosemarie Wooddell, Katie Marotta, Anthony Ikwueme

Opening Prayer

Walter Karvetski

Welcome

Bob Clarke

### Old Business

- Discernment on April 13<sup>th</sup> at Church from 6:00 - 8:30. Dinner at 6 pm (arrangements made by Katie), discernment led by Joe Marotta from 6:30 - 8:30.
  - We will need to discern a minimum of 3 people, as the terms of Scott, Walter, Katie, Mimi, and Linda will be complete at the end of this year. Bob will move into Scott's position of Past-Chair and Patrick Ivie (currently a 2<sup>nd</sup> year alternate due to carryover of Council during the construction) will become a voting member. It would be good to discern 4 or 5 people so we have 1 or 2 alternates as well.
  - Announcements and nomination ballots began on March 5-6. Additional announcements the weekends of March 12-13 and March 19-20. The new Council will be introduced in June.
- Assign a committee to work with Father and the staff to organize a gathering to acknowledge and thank those who are volunteering so much of their time in support of the church recovery project and relocation of worship to Holy Cross School.
  - Not necessary, because the parish staff will make arrangements with a place that does everything. Most likely date is June 5<sup>th</sup> (at Randolph College), but nothing has been finalized at this time.
- Larry Wetzel update on discussion with Finance Committee & St. Thomas More about having a method for donations via the website and "e-giving". Council agreed that it could be set up for different options (ex: Joy fund, contingency, general collection, etc.). Larry to also discuss with BethAnn.
  - Larry talked to BethAnn but has not talked to Mike yet. Another option that was discussed is to do an automatic deposit from individual bank account. This item will be removed and re-visited at a late time if additional information becomes available.

### New Business

- Parish Council to provide food for April 6<sup>th</sup> evening of the Parish Lenten Retreat at the church. Sign-up sheet for soup, bread, setup, serve, clean-up, etc. to be circulated at this March 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.
  - Dinner is from 6-7 pm on April 6<sup>th</sup> at in the Commons. Those helping to set up should arrive by no later than 5:45 pm.
- If information is available, update on progress towards returning all worship & activities to the church.
  - Announcement to be made this weekend; return to church weekend of April 2-3 (blessings planned for all the Masses). Everything looks very clean; sound system being put in; new heat and smoke detection system being put in; pews and kneelers are in the church and are being re-installed.

Break: Refreshments - Mary Lexa

1. Pastors Report /Budget Fr. Rush
  - a. Contingency fund drive: \$442,334 pledged, \$231,239 paid, \$211,096 left.
  - b. Budget is due to diocese by May 16<sup>th</sup>.
  - c. Bishop wants all parishes (other than Mission parishes) to contribute more to Catholic schools even if they are not in the area of a school.
  - d. Total available assets at \$646,352; we have spent \$750,914 year-to-date on capital expenditures. Total cost expected to be just under \$1M for whole project.
  - e. Once project is complete, would be good to distribute itemized costs to parish to show where the money has been spent.
  - f. Phase II of the project will be to replace the roof and steeple.
  - g. Dr. Rebecca McCord resigned as the music director, effective March 1<sup>st</sup>. This was a surprise. Alan Heer has graciously offered to return.
2. Young Adult Ministry Mimi Campbell
  - a. No report
3. Christian Formation Linda Contreras
  - a. For the month of April, request for parish council to consider having greeters and be assertive about welcoming people back, or new people.
  - b. Looking for help with Seder meal and other things involved with Lent. Parish Lenten retreat starts April 2<sup>nd</sup>.
  - c. Encourage people to come and enjoy stations of the cross (also at Tabor).
  - d. Parish reconciliation, and 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation for 2<sup>nd</sup> graders, is April the 5<sup>th</sup>.
  - e. April 2<sup>nd</sup> 150 teenagers will be at the church for a Confirmation retreat.
  - f. 9<sup>th</sup> graders religious education curriculum is "Being Catholic", they had professors from LC and RC and went to a Synagogue; plan to go to other Christian denominations.
  - g. Social Justice: Chris Barrett overview on immigration and church teaching (occurring this same evening as the Parish Council meeting).
  - h. For Hispanic community - the Gift related to increasing Hispanic participation; and plan to have a women's retreat.
  - i. Church camp (June 13<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup>). Announcements will be made in bulletin and at religious education.
4. Holy Cross School Mary Lexa
  - a. Goals for school board: 1) Top to bottom on the physical state of the school, 2) How to get more Hispanic students into the school; looking at special grants.
  - b. Anthony talked about Catholic schools and younger kids (like early pre-school) feeding into next levels of school; compared to the methods done with early elementary, LCA, Liberty. Anthony plans to go with Mary to a school board meeting to discuss this topic and possibly how to draw more students in from a very early age and help Catholic education thrive in our area.
5. Youth Representative TBD
  - a. No representative
6. Pastoral Care Marge Chamberlin
  - a. Blood mobile June 9<sup>th</sup> from 12-6 in the Commons;
  - b. Anointing Mass on May 25<sup>th</sup>;
  - c. Now have a nurse that is doing blood pressure at the Spanish Mass.
  - d. Pastoral Care meeting in the next week.
7. Social Ministry Evelyn Monark
  - a. No report (Evelyn at the Social Justice session on immigration).
8. Fellowship Committee Marie Anstey
  - a. Per Brian...pre-planning meeting for picnic was missed; new date to be set if possible, date for picnic is tentatively set for September 17<sup>th</sup>.
  - b. Katie to help with a reception after the Easter Vigil.
9. Hispanic Report Arturo Fernandez-Lopez
  - a. Arturo attended the retreat called "The gift" and the main objective was to set up the platform to start a program for the Christian adult formation for the Hispanic community in accordance with

- the new guidelines of the Archdiocese of Richmond.
- b. Based in this information several meetings have been held with the intention to update the actual RCIA program we have. This program needs to be presented to Richmond no later than June 16.
  - c. From this retreat they committed to organize a woman's retreat for the Hispanic community. Churches from Bedford, Lovington and Danville which have Spanish Mass will be invited for this retreat. This will be held in the Tabor Retreat Center on May 21.
  - d. The actual RCIA program continues with 4 candidates in preparation to have the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Closing Prayer

Patrick Ivie

Next Exec. Committee Meeting:

March 30<sup>th</sup>

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Discernment: April 13<sup>th</sup>

Regular Meeting: May 11<sup>th</sup>