

Holy Cross Parish Council Meeting

6:30 - 8:30 PM

May 12, 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.

Attendance: Bob Clarke, Evelyn Monark, Mary Lexa, Brian Clifford, Father Rush, Linda Contreras, Mimi Campbell, Linda Van Scooter, Katie Marotta, Patrick Ivie, Walter Karvetski, Scott Niedzialek, Larry Wetzel

Opening Prayer

Bob Clarke

Old Business

- Update on Executive Council discussion on Time & Talent chair function / description of duties. “Stewardship Day” is now targeted for 2-3 committees once each month (Sat/Sun Masses) through 2010.
 - Katie Marotta organized the Time and Talent committee chairs lunch and sent out invitations. The lunch will be on May 23rd in the Commons at 12:30 pm.
 - Need to think about having committee info tables set up at both the church (Saturday evening & Sunday afternoon) and the school (8 and 10 am Masses on Sunday)
- In the last special meeting it was agreed to maintain the current Parish Council for consistency and to avoid a change in leadership until we move past the repairs and recovery. The entire Council and committee chairs agreed to keep the current Council membership as is until discernment in 2011. Sam O’Kane has finished his 3 year term. All other Parish Council members will remain, including the d3 representatives (Scott and Katie). Executive Council is unchanged.
 - The people that were submitted as nominees for discernment for 2010-2011 (one weekend of ballots were collected before the termite issue surfaced), were all contacted and either declined the nomination or supported the plan for the current Council to carryover into 2011.

New Business

- Parish Council vote for Sam O’Kane’s replacement from the current alternates (Brian Clifford & Patrick Ivie).
 - A majority vote from the Council votes moves Brian Clifford into a “d2” Council member as the replacement for Sam O’Kane. Patrick Ivie remains as an alternate.
- Parish Council Committee representative update:
 - Mary Lexa volunteered to be the HC Regional Catholic school representative to the Parish Council. Tim Laurent of the HC School Board will contact Mary to work out the details.
 - Tim and Mary have met and Mary is officially the new HCRCS representative. Welcome!
 - First meeting of the Holy Cross school is May 25th.
 - Marie Anstey will continue as the Fellowship committee chair per her request and improved availability. Katie and Scott will work with her to help divide up responsibilities for different fellowship activities (such as picnic, church celebrations, etc.) to lighten the load and transfer valuable knowledge over time. Marie has set a date for the Parish Picnic and has started the process of requesting volunteers.
 - Picnic has been scheduled for the 18th of September
 - Bob to work with Marie, Brian, and Margie to contact past volunteers and send out a request for volunteers then have several meetings to set up picnic sub-committees.
- Discuss dates and ideas for Parish Council End-of-Year retreat.
 - June 9th 6:30 to 8:30. Pot luck dinner at the start.
 - Tentatively planned for Tabor, but awaiting confirmation of availability.
- Brief update on new Executive Oversight Committee (EOC) for repair and recovery efforts.
 - Bob provided a brief update on the EOC. The committee is made up of Bryan David, Walter Karvetski, John Matheson, Gary Mignogna, Scott Niedzialek, and Raina Rosado. This committee will provide oversight and review of the Building Committee as needed. In the coming months, many decisions will be made by the Building Committee relative to selection of contractors, contracts, costs, project scope, and schedule. Independent review and oversight by an executive level committee can provide valuable feedback for the Building Committee and ensure the Holy Cross parish is represented in the decision process.
 - Father Rush, the Building Committee, Parish Council, and the EOC will do our best to provide

continuous and thorough communication of the repair and recovery activities. We will do our best to answer any questions or concerns. The executive Parish Council Committee extends an invitation to anyone in the parish who would like to have questions answered, has suggestions, or would like to discuss the situation; please contact Bob Clarke to set up a meeting.

Break: Refreshments - Marge Chamberlin

1. Pastors Report /Budget Fr. Rush
 - a. Passed out the "not reconciled" income statement for July 2009 thru April 2010.
 - b. We have to submit a budget to the diocese by May 15th. Finance committee has approved the budget we intend to submit. Father reviewed the budget details for July 2010 - June 2011.
 - c. Dr. Rebecca McCord will be on sabbatical in July and August (9 weekends).
 - d. Building committee has 3 bids for asbestos removal. By June 1st they are hoping to have a proposal from Masters Engineering including the code and fire rated upgrade to the boiler room. Also planning to inspect the attic and steeple for asbestos. Still discussing how they will handle the organ (protect and/or remove). All the kneelers have been removed and the pews are starting to be removed. Hired a lawyer to review the terms & conditions and review the past termite contract to determine if further action is warranted.
2. Young Adult Ministry Mimi Campbell
 - a. Mini golf outing; once a month lunch activity after Mass; picnic planned for June 6th after Mass at Peak's View Park; changed faith sharing night to Monday nights at 7 pm;
 - b. Summer theological plans in-process (August) with a talk on examination of conscience; World Youth Day in 2011 in Spain; looking for a speaker on the universality of the church prior to the Youth Day dates.
3. Christian Formation Linda Contreras
 - a. On May 23rd it is Pentecost Sunday; wear red; and bring a food from a native country to show our parish diversity.
 - b. Pancake money is being partly used to make scholarships for some kids for Camp Cum-ba-ya and other special family needs.
 - c. Father Jim has offered to open his vacation bible school to HC kids on a limited basis.
 - d. Sullivan conference on May 18-19 in Richmond.
 - e. Youth group trying to have at least one big activity each month.
 - f. First Communion was very nice, but hot! Confirmation went well at STM as well. Parents beat the 4th graders in Jeopardy this year.
 - g. In June, July, and August trying to come up with activities to keep people involved (such as the food at Pentecost).
4. Holy Cross School Mary Lexa (welcome!)
 - a. New. Next school board meeting is May 25th.
5. Youth Representative TBD
 - a. Nothing to report.
6. Pastoral Care Marge Chamberlin
 - a. Anointing of the sick Mass will be May 26th, 11:00 am, followed by lunch.
 - b. The Parish nurses annual blood drive will be on June 10th from 12:00-6:00p.m. They really need people to sign up to give blood!
7. Social Ministry Evelyn Monark
 - a. Hurley work camp starts on June 13th; so far about 20 signed up from HC; about 50 are signed up in total.
 - b. Churches for Urban Ministry has a new director. See the story in the latest Parish Newsletter.
 - c. Next social ministry meeting is this Friday.
8. Fellowship Committee Marie Anstey
 - a. Need to get a committee together to start brainstorming ideas (June)...looking for ideas for entertainment. Bob will work with Marie to set up a planning meeting in June (June 16th?).
9. Hispanic Report Arturo Fernandez-Lopez
 - a. Getting more Anglos at the Spanish Mass recently; some Hispanic ladies went up to D.C. the Saturday before Mother's Day to the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, and it was a wonderful trip.

Closing Prayer

Walter Karvetski

Next Exec. Committee Meeting
Next Committee Meeting

None scheduled (meet as necessary to support repairs and recovery)
June 9th - End of Year Retreat