

Holy Cross Parish Council Meeting

6:30 - 8:30 PM

October 14, 2009

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, Katie Marotta, Anthony Ikwueme

Opening Prayer

Evelyn Monark

Welcome

Bob Clarke

Old Business

- Walter Karvetski, Larry Wetzel, & Linda Van Scooter report on progress of sub-committee brainstorm ideas and proposal for communicating what Parish Council does and who we are.
Walter, Larry, & Linda communicated ideas via email and presented 13 ideas to the Council. See attached. Assigned people to several of the ideas. All ideas are very good. Council decided to pursue approximately 9 ideas first and then come back to the other ideas.
- Update on Executive Council discussion on Time & Talent chair function / description of duties. Scott to talk to Ann Echols. Bob to get list of committees & ministries from Margie to support plan for November “Stewardship Fairs”. Propose “term limits” for Chairs?
All activities are in-process. Bob handed out the latest list of committees and ministries. Council agreed that we should use a term limit for the Chairs to make the positions more reasonable and to allow new blood and new ideas. Propose term of 3 years with a vice-chair the last year that will become the chairperson.
- Supper Club – Brief feedback from Katie Marotta on successful first gathering.
Five families participated. Great success, and Father Rush made a brief appearance! This group will have 2-3 more gatherings and then start several other groups.
- Parish Council page on HC website (<http://www.holycrosslynchburg.org/council.htm>) - Larry Wetzel
Web-page looks good. Larry requested that any feedback or ideas be passed along to continue to improve the page.
- To be scheduled for January 13th meeting: Michael VanNess from Lynchburg Grows to give a short (20 minutes) presentation on what they do, answer questions, and discuss possible activities for possible service projects (youth and others).

New Business

- Council to discuss options for November retreat. Linda Contreras has a proposal. Open to other suggestions as well.
Council agreed to Wednesday, November 11th at Tabor Retreat (Linda to confirm availability of Tabor for that date); dinner at 6:15 and gather at 7 pm for retreat; bring a picture that is at least 10 years old. Bob will send email for sign-up of food and drinks.
- Linda C: Census 2010 wants us to be a site. We would display info material; they pay people to go door to door; many options are available on the sheet.
Council agreed that we could be a census site. Holy Cross does not need to do anything; the Census folks will do the work. This promotes community involvement.

Break: Refreshments - Katie Marotta

Pastors Report /Budget

Fr. Rush

- November 14th is the Pastoral planning implementation training day at Our Lady of Nazareth in Roanoke from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm. Father passed out agenda and info. If you are interested, contact Father Rush.
- Reviewed current budget. Bus repairs to outside shell will cost approximately \$3700.
- Trees in front of Church may be removed.
- Nov 7th - 9 am to noon, Dr. Rebecca McCord and HC hosting National Pastoral musician event.

Young Adult Ministry

Mimi Campbell

- Had volleyball, other activities with Youth. Went canoeing after picnic - it was a good team-building event!

Christian Formation

Linda Contreras

- Sunday celebration in the absence of a Priest (SCAP). A group has been formed (Mimi Campbell, Brian Clifford, others.....). Inviting Council on Wednesday, November 18th at 6:30 pm.
- November 22nd - Advent evening in the Commons. Activity for Advent is a new quilt with a goal of hanging it in the Commons at Easter.
- Adult formation this Sunday (October 18th) is Vatican II.
- Religious Ed - about 250-260 in PreK through Confirmation (11th). If they have enough participation we will start a Religious Ed session after the 2 pm Spanish Mass.

Holy Cross School

Karl Rony

- Karl could not stay for the meeting. Carl had nothing new to report.
- Father: School is doing well; 228 children; still searching for a principal.

Youth Representative

TBD

Pastoral Care

Marge Chamberlin

- Marge was traveling to NY, and passed on the following via email:
 - October 28th - Anointing Mass, with lunch after
 - Nov 9th - Mass of Remembrance for loved ones who have died, with lunch after.

Social Ministry

Evelyn Monark

- \$1660 in second collection for food donation with about 160 volunteers (Holy Cross and St. Thomas More).
- Stocking donations are down a little bit.
- Nice presentation of work done in Hurley, starring Fr. Jim.
- Next meeting Nov. 13th.
- Churches for Urban Ministry Nov. 10th pot luck.
- Parish retreat at St. Thomas More scheduled for first week in November.

Fellowship Committee

Marie Anstey

- Picnic went well (about 320 sign-ups but crowd was typical around 400). Big thanks to the Alberts!
- Reception on October 25 for RCIA (Marie is looking for help because she will be out of town).
- Secret plans for Father's 65th birthday.

Hispanic Report

Arturo Fernandez-Lopez

- 1st soccer challenge was a great success; young adults and parents.
- Dec 12/13 is Guadalupe celebration.

Closing Prayer

Sam O'Kane

Next Exec. Committee Meeting

October 28th (Wed)

Next Committee Meeting

November Retreat Nov. 11th (see above)

2009/2010 Parish Council Prayer and Refreshments

Month	Opening Prayer	Closing Prayer	Refreshments
September 2009	Scott Niedzialek	Katie Marotta	Bob Clarke
October 2009	Evelyn Monark	Sam O'Kane	Katie Marotta
January 2010	Mimi Campbell	Bob Clarke	RoseMarie Woodell
February 2010	Linda Van Scooter	RoseMarie Woodell	Evelyn Monark
March 2010	Larry Wetzel	Walter Karvetski	Karl Rony
May 2010	Bob Clarke	OPEN	Marge Chamberlin

Date: October 13, 2009

Subject: Parish Council Parish Relations/Awareness Ideas

Council Sub-Committee: Walter C. Karvetski (Chair)
Linda Van Scooter
Larry Wetzel

Relations/Awareness Ideas –

- ① Quarterly Parish Council Mass assistance. *Walter*
 - Greeters (2)
 - Ushers (4)
 - Readers (2)
 - Cantor (1)
 - Choir members (4-6)
 - After mass refreshments (2)
2. Church Commons TV/DVD Station
26" TV/DVD \$350,
32" TV/DVD \$500
3. Church Commons Parish Council Information Table (Permanent location for after Mass discussions)
- ④ Stewardship Fair or monthly mini-Fairs *Bob & Katie*
(2nd Sunday of the month.)
- ⑤ HC Newsletter PC information/activities column or section *Scott*
6. Regular PC announcements at Mass (ex. New suggestion box form & process)
7. Meet with parents while students are in Sunday School Classes
(9:45 -10:45 and 12:45 to 1:45 Sundays)
- ⑧ Attend different committee meetings for first hand information/support requirements *Linda V.*
(Need a list of when the committees meet and location if a standing meeting. Might want to list this in the newsletter.)
- ⑨ Bring a guest to PC meeting *All*
- ⑩ Get involved in/organize some activity with young adults/high school youths (ex. Hill Cats game, ice skating, etc.) *Mimi*
- ⑪ Organize lunch with Young at Hearts *Linda V.*
- ⑫ Wearing of Badges at Mass *All*
(Have a basket to keep our badges at church)
- ✓ ⑬ PC website page (may want pictures on the web) *Larry*