



Holy Cross Parish Council Meeting Minutes

6:30 - 8:30 PM
January 11, 2012
2nd Floor Classroom

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.

Agenda

Present: Larry Wetzel, Brian Clifford, Natalie Barlotta, Gail Van Dyke, Jeff Nauful, Jeff Amate, Marge Chamberlin, Evelyn Monark, Mary Lexa, Linda Contreras, Katie Marotta and Fr. Rush

Opening Prayer Linda Contreras
Welcome Larry Wetzel

Old Business

- Update on the roof and steeple repair/replacement.

The steeple is structurally sound. The records were found regarding the bracing that was installed in the early 1990's. A committee is looking what the final appearance should be. Bid packages should be ready to go out in March. There are some unknowns including the condition of the eaves and the hidden gutters.

- New badges

New badges were distributed to the council member to be worn at Mass and other church functions.

- Time and Talent Fair

Katie reported that planning is getting started on having a Time and Talent fair showcasing the different ministries.

- New Comer's Reception

Jim and Marie Martin are heading this up. We have not had one since we found the termite damage. The reception should be held in the next month or so.

- Removal of the trees at the cemetery

Fr. Rush reported that a large number of the trees around the cemetery have been removed. There are still some that need to come down. The trees needed to be removed since they were tangled with the power lines and were causing power outages during storms.

- New council member discernment

In April new council members will be discerned. The format of the discernment is being modified some. Parish members will be asked to submit names for discernment in March.

New Business

Brian asked if with the new translation for the Mass, what happens to the Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a Priest plans. A new translation book will be needed but they are not available yet.

For those who have been identified as keyholders, an alarm system training and alarm response training has been set up. These keyholders have been notified.

Break: Refreshments – Marge Chamberlin

1. Pastors Report /Budget Fr. Rush

The six month budget report is not ready yet.

2. Young Adult Ministry Jeff Amate

A group baked cookies for Daily Bread at Christmas time.

3. Christian Formation Linda Contreras

The Diocese is working on approaches to get more adults interested in Christian Formation.

The Diocese has changed the age for young adults groups to 18 to 29 years old. 16 of the 20 Confirmation candidates will be on retreat the weekend of Jan. 13 – 15. There will be a Souper Bowl canned food drive. The Annual Pancake Supper/Breakfast will take place the weekend of February 18 & 19. There will be soup suppers every Friday in Lent before Stations of the Cross. There will be two social justice movies shown on Sunday, Jan. 15th. Linda asked if there was interest in an evening bible study.

4. Holy Cross School Mary Lexa

In November, the school donated 90 turkeys to Daily Bread. Amy Lawson is the new Director of Enrollment and Marketing. Catholic Schools' Week is Jan. 29th to Feb. 3rd. J. Coleman spoke on writing at the school. There is an article in the News and Advance about this. The juniors and seniors will be allowed to go on the March for Life this year.

5. Pastoral Care Marge Chamberlin

A Mass of Remembrance was held on Nov. 14th. Oct. 26th there was the anoint of the sick at Mass. The Parish Nurses met on Nov. 7th. June 7th will be the Parish blood drive. A special thanks to Joy Swift for her years of work on the Newsletter.

6. Social Ministry Evelyn Monark

The Medical Mission will be March 16th – 23rd. Jessie Tree delivered over 400 packages to 69 families. The CUM fruit sale went well. The Gateway House currently has 18 men staying there. The Hurley work week looks like it will continue. The Prison Ministry is looking for someone who speaks Spanish. There will be a workshop on prison ministry on March 17th at Holy Cross. Bus drivers are needed to bring people to Mass.

7. Fellowship Committee Katie Marotta

The Fellowship Committee will be meeting on Jan. 25th. The Family Fun Night is continuing. Supper Clubs will be formed. It is almost time to start planning for the Picnic.

8. Hispanic Report Arturo Fernandez-Lopez

The celebration for the Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe was a big success. The Little Rock Scripture Study is being held in Spanish. A speaker from the USCCB will be here to talk to the Spanish community.

Closing Prayer

Evelyn Monark

Next Exec. Committee Meeting

January 25th

Next Parish Council Meeting

February 8th