

Spirit of Life Parish Council Minutes  
August 19, 2009

Present: Fr. Chad Gion, Ray Morrell, Eugene Graner, Pam Treib

Absent: Paul Carmichael, Richard Bahm, Terry Milner, Kelly Schmidt, Marlene Helbling, Don Hruby, Louise Max

I. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Ray Morrell at 6:40. Please note we did not have a quorum for this meeting.

II. Opening Prayer: Opening Prayer was lead by Fr. Chad

III. Secretary's Report:

Suggestions were made for corrections to last months meeting minutes. Those changes will be made and will be approved at next meeting due to the lack of quorum.

IV. Financial Report:

No Report was given

V. Christ the King School Board Report/Update:

Kelly Schmidt submitted the following information by e-mail.

109 children are register at CTK this school year....an increase in kindergarten (+6) and first grade (+4)

After much discussion, the following action items were taken:

1. Tuition data will be collected from other K-8 Catholic schools in the area an assessment will be made to determine if we should be calculating tuition at CTK in a different manner, as well, as a different expectation.
2. A data base will be developed of all CTK alumni in an effort to solicited funds for specific projects (textbooks) and/or to establish an endowment or scholarship program.
3. Continued efforts will be made to promote the school and the success of CTK students in statewide assessments and their high school accomplishments.
4. A Finance Council member will be included on the school board to build the bridge of discussion.

Next meeting is September 10<sup>th</sup>, This will be the first meeting for the current school meeting

## VI. Old Business

### a. Stewardship Renewal Retreat, August 28-29

Small group leadership will be needed by Council members. This should only include leading small group discussion and monitor small groups. The stewardship committee is continuing to plan for the fall stewardship retreat.

### b. Parish Picnic, September 20

Sign up sheets are available and were left for council members to sign up for chairpersons of the different events. These sign up sheets will be available for parish members to sign up. A meeting with the chairpersons will be held to discuss the picnic.

### c. Parish Website Update, [www.myspiritoflife.com](http://www.myspiritoflife.com)

The new website will be up in about a week. It was stressed again to utilize a variety of reports to determine the how the website is used. Once the website is up and going it should be announced at all masses and parish members should be encouraged to look at it.

### d. Bylaw Committee Update

Members of this committee were notified that they need to meet to address any updates that are needed. All members were encouraged to review the by-laws and provide any suggestions to the committee to discuss.

### e. other

## VII. New Business

### a. Respect Life Month – October

As a parish, rosary will be said on Wednesday evenings throughout the month. A variety of people will be leading the rosary. An article will be written for the newsletter during the month also. The council also suggested that the parish also look into some signage to be put up on the property during the month. It was also discussed that the signage could be something permanent that we could do year round to provide a variety of messages. We will also be suggesting to parish

members to contact their legislators in Washington D.C. during this month as well. We discussed putting together a form letter that would be available on the website for parish members to use.

b. Parish Leadership Gathering – September

The parish has planned a fall stewardship kickoff event. The event will start with a leadership fair where parish members would have a chance to come and ask questions about positions and opportunities to help the parish to members that already have those positions. The event would then continue to include a weekend renewal where parish members can sign up for opportunities within the parish. The fair may be an annual event in the fall.

c. Other

Rekeying the Building- The council again discussed security of the building. This included the re-keying of the building as well as how to secure the building during the day. This has to be a balance of being open to parish members, but secure for staff as well as securing the contents of the parish. Suggestions may be utilizing buzzers and different tones for entering or exiting the different areas of the building. Fr. Chad will be discussing this with the parish staff and get suggestions from them. The council thought that was a great first start. We will discuss this issue again.

Swine flu- Pam asked about any plans for a swine flu breakout. At this time no plans have been made. Fr. Chad thought that if that becomes a concern the diocese would probably provide some direction for the parishes.

VIII. Closing Prayer: Was lead by Fr. Chad

Meeting was adjourned at 7:40

Next meeting will be September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Pam Treib