

Spirit of Life Parish Council Minutes
April 21st, 2010

Present:, Fr. Chad, Pam Treib, James Gustafson, Louise Max, Don Hruby,
Paul Carmichael, Eugene Graner

Absent: Ray Morrell

- I. Call to Order by Fr. Chad at 7:00 p.m.
- II. Opening Prayer was led by Fr. Chad
- III. Secretary's Report
Minutes for review at this time are the minutes from November through March. Eugene made a motion to approve the minutes and Don seconded that motion. Minutes approved.
- IV. Financial Report
No report available at this time. No replacement liason from finance council has been appointed.
- V. Christ the King School Board Report/Update
No report available at this time.
- VI. Old Business
 - a. Mortgage burning celebration
The date has been finalized as May 8th. Jim Fitterer is not available for the event. He will submit a letter to be read at the event. The council reviewed the cost of the food, it was decided that we will ask for parish members to donate the needed food items and then prepare the food ourselves. It was also decided that the council members should be at the church at 9:00am to assist in the set up for the event.
- VII. New Business
 - a. St. Joes Parish-
St. Joes has been utilizing our parish over the past 6 months as renovations were being completed in theirs. As a thank you they have offered to purchase for Spirit of Life a stained glass window. Fr. Chad will work with a designer to develop a series to put in all of the 4 windows of the church proper. The estimated cost of each window is between 8,000 and 15,000.

b. Review of Parish Council Guidelines

Chapter 1- The election process for council members should be a mutual process of nominations both by the parish people as well as the pastor. Our current process of elections was discussed and felt to be appropriate. Fr. Chad indicated that he was comfortable with the current process as well.

Chapter 2- Council actions should be as open a process as possible and any issues should be discussed as freely as possible. All council actions should be a result of thoughtful reflection when responding to any particular issue.

Since our Council election cycle will be coming up very soon, we discussed that a notice making the parish aware of the upcoming election will be occurring in this next weekend. A brief summary of council members responsibility will also be included.

With upcoming new members, the current parish council by-laws should be reviewed.

c. Volunteer event

Scheduled for May 12th and 6:00 pam. The council members should be available to help with serving the meal and hospitality.

VIII. Closing Prayer was led by Fr. Chad

Next meeting will be held on May 13th at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Pam Treib