

Spirit of Life Parish Council Minutes
November 10th, 2010

Present: Fr. Chad, Pam Treib, James Gustafson, Shirlene Schafer, Pam Mack, Dan Leingang,

Absent: Ray Morrell, Don Hruby

Others in Attendance: Steve Moore, Cheryl Hansen

I. Call to Order by Dan Leingang at 7:00 p.m.

II. Opening Prayer was led by Fr. Chad

Review of agenda- A suggestion was made to add the discussion of new members and financial report. A motion was made by Dan to add these to tonight's agenda. This was seconded by James. Motion carried

III. Secretary's Report

Minutes for review at this time are the minutes from September. Recommended changes were to the spelling of Cheryl and Shirlene name. Also discussion about a summary from Fr. Chad before each meeting was not included. This will be added. Once these changes are made, Shirlene made a motion to approve the minutes and James seconded that motion. Motion Carried. Minutes approved with changes discussed. The council also discussed that only minutes will be completed/posted for actual meetings held.

IV. Financial Report

Steve reported that the financial report for the last quarter was approved. Steve also indicated that the financial status of the parish is in good standing.

V. Old Business

VI. New Business

- a. Lord teach me to pray series- This is a St. Ignatious model of prayer for women. There is currently 12 members in the first stage of this process. In January some outside leaders will come to assist in teaching them the next series. These people would then be able to lead other groups. There is little support needed from the parish. A retreat will be held on January 21st to 23rd. This is open to any women or men. The council discussed ways to support this program. One way was through the parish website.
- b. January education series- "Epic" journey will be starting Jan 6th. This is a 20 week series of church history.

- c. 40 hours of devotion- This will occur over advent December 8th. This can be used for a time of healing, reparation or just prayer time for others. There will be a sign up sheet at the back of the church to assure that all time slots will be covered. It was also discussed that it would be great if groups could plan on praying together. The council thought it would be great to do this as a group. We will pick a time. This will be encouraged through the bulletin in the coming weeks.
- d. Tony Ternes- He has been hired as the Director of Religious education for our parish. He will oversee all of the religious training and programs held within the church.
- e. New Members- We are in need of 3 new council members. Two that were open spots and 1 as the result of the resignation of Ray Morrell. In reviewing the current by-laws a suggestion was made by Fr. Chad to make changes to the by laws to accommodate these openings. We would like to add language in the by-laws that the pastor would have authority to appoint members with the approval of those members by the parish council. Any changes to the by-laws would need to be published for comment 21 days in advance of these changes being official. A motion was made to have Cheryl work on this wording and forward that wording to the council members for comment to enact this change. This motion was made by James and seconded by Pam. The motion was approved. Cheryl would like all comments back by e-mail. A full review of all the by-laws will occur at a later time.
- f. Other-
 - 1. Letter from Deb Rath- The council received this letter as a consideration for prayer requests for our priests and parish due to the changes and turmoil over the past several years. The council would like to pray on this request and review it at the next meeting.
 - 2. Newsletter- The church will be planning the next years newsletter. If you have ideas please let Cheryl know soon. Some suggestions made were a childrens page, a suggested reading page.

VII. Closing Prayer was led by Fr. Chad

Next meeting will be held on December 15th at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Pam Treib