

Spirit of Life Parish Council Minutes
September 15th, 2010

Present:, Fr. Chad, Pam Treib, James Gustafson, Shirlene Schafer, Don Hruby,
Pam Mack, Dan Leinganag, Eugene Graner

Absent: Ray Morrell

- I. Call to Order by Pam Treib at 7:00 p.m.
- II. Opening Prayer was led by Fr. Chad

Fr. Chad introduced the council members to the new parish administrator Cheryl Hansen
- III. Secretary's Report
Minutes for review at this time are the minutes from April. Don made a motion to approve the minutes and Eugene seconded that motion. Minutes approved. The months of May, June, July, August, there was no quorum to conduct any business.
- IV. Financial Report
No report available at this time. Steve Moore is the elected replacement liason from finance council for the parish council. He was not in attendance.
- V. Old Business
 - a. Parish Council annual election of officers.
Chairperson- Don made a motion to appoint Dan. He accepted that motion and Shirleen seconded that motion. Motion approved
Vice Chairperson- Dan made a motion to appoint James. He accepted that motion Pam T. seconded that motion. Motion approved
Secretary- Don made a motion to have Pam continue in this position. Pam agreed and all members approved.

Eugene began discussion regarding some recent changes in the church protocol. Fr. Chad explained the changes. The council continued to discuss the concerns expressed from parish members to the council members. The council indicated that there are many members who have left our parish over the past several months. Eugene did not agree with the discussion and choose to immediately resign his position on the council and left the meeting.

- b. Review of Parish Council By-laws
A new copy will be distributed to all council members by Cheryl. All members should review them and provide input at next meeting.
- c. Parish Council representatives to Christ the King School board
Fr. Chad has been in discussion with Christ the King to inform that this representative position will be discontinued.
- d. Other
 - 1.Meeting time- The council discussed the frustration with the changing of meeting times when other situations come up. This has lead to confusion and low meeting participation. Guidelines require that Fr. Chad be present at all council meetings. The established meeting time has been the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7:00 pm. We will continue to try to stick to that schedule.

VI. New Business

- a. Review of the direction of the Parish Council in accordance with the Diocesan Plan for Parish Council Guidelines
The council continues to struggle with focus. We will start with a review of the by-laws and then determine a direction. We now have most of the members in place and new officers elected.
- b. Other
Parish Leadership Retreat is scheduled for October 1 & 2 at 6:00 pm. The council members are encouraged to be there.

It was suggested that Fr. Chad give a brief summary of any changes or concerns for the past month to the parish council at the beginning of every meeting. This would help the council members aware of these issues to support Fr. Chad and the parish.

VII. Closing Prayer was led by Fr. Chad

Next meeting will be held on November 10th at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Pam Treib