

Spirit of Life Parish Council Minutes  
January 13th, 2010

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

Absent: Marlene Helbling, Paul Carmichael, Ray Morrell

No quorum was available. Chair and Vice Chair were not present. Those present decided to continue with meeting and focus on the discussion of the mortgage burning celebration.

I. Mortgage Burning Celebration

We started out discussing a date for the event. After some discussion of possible dates, it was decided that March 20<sup>th</sup> would be a good day. The weather was thought to be a little warmer and more of a time to plan.

The plan for the celebration would be for it to occur after the Saturday evening mass. We thought that after mass a blessing would occur after mass in the church. A slide show of pictures from our church history would be prepared and shown. Everyone would then process outside and we would have a pit burning and we would actually burn the mortgage document with a toast of champagne. After the burning of the document, we would go into the activity center, and have a light supper. The church would provide some of the food such as (sloppy joes and chips, cold cuts for sandwiches). The rest of the food would be brought by the guests attending as a pot luck dinner. We would eat and then have music playing and people would be able to stay and celebrate for a period of time. We would keep the fire burning so after dinner if anyone would like to they could go and roast marshmallows to make somores.

In memorial hall we would like to prepare and display some church memorabilia for everyone to look at. We will also ask parish members to submit pictures that they may have to include in the slide show. Cathy will help James and Pam look through the safe and see what items may be interesting to have on display. We thought that the architects' plans for the church building would be good to display in the activity area of the church.

We would like to have some decorations such as streamers, balloons and a banner to put up in the activity room.

As a lasting memento to this celebration, a item to be displayed in memorial should be purchased. The group thought maybe some picture or etched glass item. We would like to get the church staff input also on this item. The group also talked about the purchasing of a Blessed Mother statue to be placed in the gathering space. This statue would not be done by the celebration but that is ok.

We will need to present this to the finance and other members of the parish councils.

Respectfully submitted: Pam Treib