

Spirit of Life Parish Council Minutes  
March 24th, 2010

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

Absent:

- I. Call to Order by Ray Morrell at 7:00 p.m.
- II. Opening Prayer was led by Fr. Chad
- III. Secretary's Report (November)  
Minutes not available for review at this time.
- IV. Financial Report  
No report available at this time. No replacement from finance council has been appointed.
- V. Christ the King School Board Report/Update  
Kelly was not in attendance for a formal report.
- VI. Old Business
  - a. Mortgage burning celebration  
James and Ray met last month to discuss this event and gave some additional details to what was discussed at the January event. The event date is April 24<sup>th</sup> 2010 and a back up date will be May 8<sup>th</sup> 2010. The council discussed planning for about 200 to 300 people for the event.  
Series of events: Mass  
Burn Mortgage document  
Meal  
Speakers- Explanation of building  
Cut cake and champagne toast  
Words of thanks  
Walk through of building  
Plaque for memorial hall.  
Tasks: Development of program- Ray  
Development of sign up sheets for volunteers- Ray  
Decorations- James  
Cake and Food – Pam  
Champagne- Fr. Chad  
Plaque- Ray, Fr. Chad, James  
Set- up- Everyone on Council  
Signage- Parish Bulletin, for church

## VII. New Business

### a. Parish Council Focus

The formal parish council was developed under Fr. John. Jim Fritzhusbin has always had a strong influence on the direction of the council. Over the past several years the council has taken on different focuses and directions. The current council has decided to start with developing a contact list for council members and the development of a orientation packet for new members as well as a main binder for church records.

The orientation packet should include: List of current members and contact information, Parish Vision statement, Council By-laws, Diocese Pastoral Council guidelines and Finance Council member contact information.

All council members feel that the council direction has been going in many different directions and need to get a focus in the future. The Diocese has developed a guide for parishes to use when establishing a parish council. We reviewed this book and the consensus was to back off of other activities and focus on this guide to once again regain a direction for the council.

Fr. Chad requested that all members read the first 2 chapters before the next meeting and be prepared to discuss it at that meeting.

The council should be involved in the strategic planning for the parish. The 3 main focuses are word; sacrament; service. It may be helpful that the council focus on one area at a time. This should include the development of goals and objectives.

The next parish council elections will be coming up on Pentecostal Sunday. We should have some information available for the nominees on the election process as well as the duties and time commitment.

### b. Parish Staff changes

Cathy has accepted another job and has been replaced with 2 parttime secretaries. They usually split the week.

### c. Stewardship Committee

The current project for this committee is to develop a parish prayer.

### d. Parish survey has been completed and results will be coming out soon after the catholic stewardship organization has had a chance to review and compile this information.

VIII. Closing Prayer was led by Fr. Chad

Next meeting will be held on April 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Pam Treib