

Spirit of Life Parish Council Minutes
April 13th, 2011

Present: Fr. Chad, Dan Leingang, Shirlene Schafer, Pam Treib, Bonnie Volk, Sandy Swallow

Absent: Pam Mack, James Gustafson, Don Hrubby, Joey Vandervleet

Others in Attendance: Cheryl Hansen, Steve Moore, Tony Ternes

- I. Call to Order by Dan Leingang
- II. Opening Prayer was led by Fr. Chad
- III. Review of Agenda – Nothing to add to agenda
- IV. Secretary's Report – Don made the motion to approve minutes as written. Pam Treib 2nd this motion. Motion carried minutes approved
- V. Financial/Parish Update –
 - a. Financial- Bills for parish are being paid. Parish is set well financially. Steve reviewed the account balances for all church accounts.
 - b. Parish- Tony talked about the changes that will be occurring during the holy week services. On Holy Thursday, parish members will not be washing feet. The order of that celebration indicates that it should be the priest washing the feet of 12 men. That is what will happen. Focus should be on the establishment of the priesthood and that ministry to others. On Good Friday, the cross will no longer be passed throughout the church. We will have individual veneration. Again the order of celebration for that day indicates that this acknowledgement of Jesus sacrifice should be done individually. Director of Music- Dan Weigel had submitted his resignation over a month prior. Fr. Chad wanted to give Dan time to think about this. He did and was confident in his decision to resign. An offer was made to a women and she accepted that position. She was introduced for a weekend and played with Dan. She then called the following week and resigned. She indicated it was due to some concerns resulting for that weekend she was here. The parish will pursue a new music director.
- VI. Old Business –
 - a. Prayer Request for Parish priests- The parish council had presented an idea from a parishioner to have a mass said for each of our priests monthly to the financial council. No feedback from them on this request.

- b. Childrens offering- Don had brought up the idea of the children bringing up a collection from them as part of the offering. Fr. Chad did discuss it with the staff. The conclusion was that it is hard to exactly time this and usually the children are not back at mass yet for this.

V. New Business-

- a. Chapel Floor- An area in the chapel floor has sunk and will need replacing. Due to this replacement the tabernacle will be moved temporarily into the church proper space. The parish council will have further discussion of making this a permanent move. The floor renovation has not been scheduled at this time.
- b. Parish Outreach- After the financial audit, it was determined that the parish was not in compliance with the federal tax requirements to continue with the way the outreach program was providing funds and products to those in need. The parish will continue to have staff provide counseling services and assist with other needs as before. It will have to determine another way to financially support people with the outreach services.
Fr. Chad talked about the Grief to Grace program. This could be a way to support others with the immediate needs as well as the deeper needs that are often the root cause of the problem. In deciding how we want the program to look, we should look to the parish mission and the overall objectives of the outreach program. Allison would love ideas from the council on ways to reach others in our community. Fr Chad asked all members to pray about this and we will talk about it again.

VI. Other Items-

- a. Volunteer appreciation night- It will be May 10th. Fr. Chad asked if the parish council members be there a little early to help with serving of the food.
- b. Fridge and Freezer- A new large fridge and freezer was needed in the kitchen. The others were wearing out. A financial donation was used to make these purchases.
- c. Stained Glass windows- The final 2 windows for the church proper are in the process of being made and will be installed in late May or early June. These also are being bought with donations from parishioners.

VII. Closing Prayer- Was led by Fr. Chad

Next council meeting will then be May 18th, 2011

Respectfully Submitted
Pam Treib
Secretary of Parish Council