

Spirit of Life Parish Council Minutes  
January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011

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

Absent: Pam Mack

- I. Call to Order by Dan Leingang
- II. Opening Prayer was led by Fr. Chad
- III. Review of Agenda – Discussion of kneelers for parish to be added.
- IV. Secretary’s Report – Shirlene made the motion to approve minutes as written. Don 2<sup>nd</sup> this motion. Motion carried minutes approved
- V. Financial/Parish Update –
  - a. Financial- Bills for parish are being paid. Parish did purchase a new tractor for grass and snow removal. Other one was very old. Did report that the parish council did present the prayer request to the finance council for our priests. They will review and discuss at next meeting
  - b. Parish- Overall things are going well. The Holy Family Shrine area is coming along very nicely, mainly deconstruction at this point. It is important that the candle holders be wood and stable, so the area is safe. The First Choice Benefit breakfast went very well. Fr. Chad also reported that a maintenance person was added to parish staff. This has helped greatly.
- VI. Old Business –
  - a. By-Law changes – members liked the wording for the by-law changes. A motion was made by Shirlene to approve the changes. It was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pam T. The motion was approved and will be effective immediately.
  - b. Council Vacancies- We have 2 1yr positions open and 1 2yr position open. Fr. Chad has recommended to the council the following members to serve on the council. Bonnie Volk, Joey Vanderslet and Sandy Swallow. A motion was made by Don approve these council members. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by James. Motion carried. The members will begin serving at the next council meeting.
  - c. Prayer Request for Parish priests- Dan and Pam T. presented the request for ongoing prayers for our parish priests through mass intentions monthly to the finance council earlier this evening. They

will discuss the request for \$80.00 for the balance of the year to have these intentions completed.

V. New Business-

- a. Kneelers-Fr. Chad read us parts of a letter from the Diocese requesting kneelers installed in the parish when it was built. This has not happened. Fr. Chad felt that we as a parish need to respond to that request from our church leadership. Fr. Chad would like to have them installed by Ash Wednesday. The costs of the kneelers are \$38,000. There was a donation of \$19,000 for this purpose. Fr. Chad will ask for the balance of the cost through donations. He will speak about this some Sunday. This purchase has not been budgeted for.
- b. Children and offering- Don brought up the idea that he thought it would be a great idea if the children of the parish would become more involved with the offering. He has seen at another parish that the children bring up their own children's collection. Fr. Chad will explore this idea with the parish staff to get their thoughts.

VI. Closing Prayer- Was led by Fr. Chad

The Parish Council discussed next month's meeting date and determined that they will not meet in February. Next council meeting will then be March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Respectfully Submitted  
Pam Treib  
Secretary of Parish Council