

**Church of the Holy Spirit
Pastoral Council Minutes of the Meeting
October 20, 2011**

Chairman Mark Schultz called the meeting of the Pastoral Council to order at 7:05 p.m. Father Driscoll opened the meeting with a prayer. The following were:

Present: Mark Schultz, Father Driscoll, Arleen Alexander, Pat Barranco, Janet Beard, Brian Bonikowski, Ellie Burden, Jim Gatz, Bradley Glover, Raymond Gueret, Maria Nolen

Excused: Terry Barber, Harold Dobbs

Guest: Mrs. Becky Goff

Introductions: Chairman Mark Schultz presented our new pastor, Father Driscoll and our new council member Bradley Glover who will replace Mr. Steve Barranco

Review of Minutes: The minutes of the September 15, 2011 meeting were distributed and reviewed. Chairman Schultz asked if there were any further comments or changes to be made to the minutes. Hearing none, a motion was made by Mr. Raymond Gueret to accept minutes as presented and seconded by Mr. Jim Gatz. The motion passed.

Old Business:

- 1. Building in the Spirit (BITS) Update** – Mr. Brian Bonikowski updated the council on the progress of the construction, stating from reports given to him by Mr. Nap Barranco that the progress on the building is going as planned. The deceleration lane is under construction, 75% of the electrical under ground wiring has been laid, by Monday, October 24, the walls should begin going up, last part of the educational slab is completed, 20% of the curbs are done, and the roads are set-up and stabilizing.
- 2. Finance Council (FC) Update** – No report due to Mr. Terry Barber's absence
- 3. Pictorial Directory Update-** Mr. Raymond Gueret reported that Olan Mills was waiting on staff photos and will have a blank spot until this is given to their lay-out department. It was reported that once everything is submitted, it would take 20-25 days for the directory to be completed and shipped to the Church office. Completion date is slated for the first week of December, no later than the 10th. It will be over-nighted, reviewed and sent back. Arleen, Janet and Brian will assist in putting together a section of past to present. The title could possibly be: Living, growing and building in the Spirit. The cover will include a picture of the church with a rainbow in the background. The overall size of the directory will be 8x10.
- 4. First Friday/First Saturday Adoration:** Ms. Arleen Alexander updated the council stating she has not had a chance to discuss this with Father Driscoll or the liturgy committee. Father Driscoll did suggest that maybe this needs to be a city wide function.
- 5. Installation Mass/Reception for Father Driscoll:** Mrs. Ellie Burden informed the council that she had spoken to Mary Nell about what our responsibilities are to be on

Sunday, October 23. We were informed to be there at 10:30 a.m. and we will review our duties. The first pew will be reserved for the Pastoral Council.

- 6. Lenten Missions:** Mrs. Becky Goff was recognized to give a report on how the council could assist her in the parish's Lenten Mission program for 2012. Discussion included a list of potential speakers from Mr. David O'Brien to Mr. Tom Reillo, to possibly a "bigger" name speaker. Due to their budgetary guidelines she was concerned with her looking into a "bigger" name speaker. It was suggested that this may be something to look at the following year. The committee has noticed that the number of people coming to these missions has been declining. Ms. Goff suggested to the council three options: do nothing this year, book David O'Brien or book a big name and ask for donations. After a first motion, introduced by Ms. Alexander and seconded by Mr. Bonikowski, to invite Mr. Reillo failed, a second motion was introduced by Mrs. Burden and seconded by Mr. Barranco, to invite Mr. O'Brien to return again as the speaker and it passed. Next, Mrs. Goff gave the council an update on Evangelization. She reviewed ministry expenses again and asked for support to increase her operating budget. Mr. Bonikowski mentioned that the Men's Club was looking to assist another program in the parish and he would bring this up at their meeting. Chairman Schultz noted that this is what we were looking for from each ministry to convey their needs so we can assist the finance council with funding priorities across the board.

New Business:

- 1. Pastoral Comments:** Father Dirscoll addressed the council with an expression of being thrilled to be a part of the Holy Spirit community. He stated that while he views growth rate of the parish in a positive way there remain some challenges ahead with organizational structure, communication, budget, and long range planning. He further stated he looks forward to fully utilizing his Pastoral Council in assisting him to move the parish forward in the years to come.

Other Business: Chairman Schultz stated that he will contact Mr. Paul McTear concerning the Pastoral Council looking at the draft for the upcoming 2012 Budget for the parish.

Ms. Alexander brought up concerns with Ministers of Holy Communion either not showing up and ushers not giving the ministers ample time to go to the back to distribute the Eucharistic at the rear of the Church before allowing parishioners to come up to receive Communion. These are issues that the liturgy committee needs to address.

Chairman Schultz asked about the time of the meeting if anyone had a problem with changing the time. It was agreed that we change the time to 6:30 p.m. Chairman Schultz will contact Karen at the Church office to let her know of this change.

Next Meeting: The next meeting for the Pastoral Council was set for Thursday, November 17, 2011. The meeting will start at 6:30 p.m. Make note of the change in time.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m., after a prayer led by Father Driscoll.

Respectfully submitted,
Maria Nolen, Recorder