

Holy Cross Parish Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 24, 2017

Members present: Gail Niebrugge, Melissa Weidner, Fr. Mark Stec, Sherry Geier, Carl Will, Michael Kistner, Missy Buerster, Henry Kessler

Guests present: Martha Deimel, Chris Waller, Floyd Carter, Kelly Geier, Heather Blank

The meeting was called to order by Michael Kistner, Chair, by reading of the Parish Mission Statement.

Building and Grounds Report (Maintenance Commission): Clint Bergbower and Michael Kistner

- Martha Deimel-Herb and Martha have agreed to oversee the Parish Center. They have a list of items to be addressed in the short-term.
 - Want an updated list of jobs that need to be completed.
 - Want an updated list of everyone who has a key for the Parish Center.
 - New potato masher needs to have locking wheels attached.
 - Scrubber and buffer-need to determine which machine(s) to keep and which can be sold. The current floor cleaner may use one of the machines. Martha will ask him and then decisions can be made.
 - Church Committees should continue to clean up after their activities.
 - Need to put plexiglass on storage room doors because of damage from chair and table carts. Doors must be taken off the hinges to repair damage. One door was cracked from being hit with something. James Kistner will make repairs.
 - Mold in storage room corner. Michael Kistner and Kelly Geier have been working on a plan to make corrections. If ice maker could be moved into the kitchen, then the constant moisture could be eliminated and help eliminate mold. The wall and “sink” that mops sit in need to be cleaned and re-painted. Permission is given to call a plumber to move the ice maker. After a thorough cleaning of the area, Michael and Kelly will kill mold, repaint with a mold suppressing paint, and put plexiglass up to provide a barrier.

- Google doc created to begin keeping “to do” list. Parish Council members, Building and Grounds Committee members, Fr. Mark, Martha Buerster, and Martha and Herb Deimel will have access to the document to add needed jobs and remove them as they are finished. If Parishioners see jobs that need to be

taken care of on Church property, please contact a member to have it added to the list.

Finance Council (Stewardship Commission): Carl Will and Sherry Geier

- Heather Blank, Edward Jones Financial Advisor presented possible investments for Church Cemetery funds. After her presentation, the decision was made to invest a total of \$50,000. \$25,000 will be invested in a mutual fund, \$10,000 in a six month CD @.80%, \$10,000 in a 12 month CD @1.10%, and \$5,000 in an 18 month CD @ 1.50%.
- Will invite a Picnic Committee member to the upcoming meetings.

Parish Renewal and Restructuring-Clint Bergbower and Michael Kistner

- Our Parish 9:30 a.m. mass has been full. 5:30 Saturday mass in Olney has been packed. 7:30 a.m. in Stringtown has been well attended. 11:30 a.m. mass in Olney is not as well attended.
 - An option could be 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. mass on Saturday (one at Stringtown and one in Olney), a 8:30 a.m. and a 10:30 a.m. on Sunday (one at Wendelin and one in Olney). Parish Council members were asked to gather input from Holy Cross Parishioners before the February joint Parish Council meeting.
- Currently, 46 priests are serving 118 parishes. Within the next year, two priests will retire; two priests will be age 75 years old, but asked to remain for one more year; and two international priests will leave the country. In the next three years, 19 additional priests will retire. Our Parish Partnership will not receive the assistance of another Priest in the foreseeable future.

Cemetery: Carl Will

- Will research “Perpetual Care” plan programs.
- The last burial at Holy Cross Cemetery was on a rainy day. There was a huge mess created, one side caved in, lots of mud and mess were left. The gravedigger has been contacted and will come back and take care of the issue.

Education (Faith Formation Commission): Missy Buerster

- Two families from Olney have started sending their students here for PSR
- Confirmation class retreat was held on Monday, January 16, 2017
- Bible studies on Thursdays will begin at the end of February
- CYM Spaghetti Dinner, February 12, 2017
- Catholic Schools week starts Sunday, January 29, 2017

Family Life: (Community Life Commission) Missy Buerster

- Wine Tasting-March 25, 2017
- Euchre Tournament is on-going

Liturgy (Liturgy and Worship Commission)- Gail Niebrugge

- Ash Wednesday, March 1-Holy Cross mass at 6:30 p.m.
- First Reconciliation at Holy Cross-March 8
- Stations of the Cross will be on Wednesday evenings connected to PSR
- Make sure there is a full bag of hosts prepared for each Sunday Mass.

Other:

- **None**

The next meeting will be held on February 27, 2017 at Olney at 7:00 p.m. It will be a joint Parish Council meeting with the St. Joseph's Olney and St. Joseph's Stringtown Councils.

The next Holy Cross Parish Council meeting will be Monday, March 13, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in Wendelin.

The meeting was adjourned with a prayer.