

Holy Spirit Church

Meeting Minutes
September 20, 2006

1.0 Attendees

Father Simmons, Sister Pat Glinka, Bill Ryan, Stacey Ryan, David Dubyoski, Veronica Hernandez, Donna Hicks, Larry Shepard, Jack Urbanski, Kim Barnum, Denise Brown, Anne O'Connor, Lurine Kunschman, Mary Dailey, Nancy Shearer, Dave Micelli and Phil Durham

2.0 Topics Discussed

The following topics were discussed at the meeting:

- Evangelization announcements
- Announcement about the homeless shelter
- Objectives for achieving top priorities as voted by Council members
- Words from the Evangelization Committee
- Words from the Planning Committee
- Next Parish Council meeting
- Assignment for next month's meeting

3.0 Meeting Minutes

Topic	Main Discussion
Evangelization Announcements	<p>Sister Pat Glinka reported that about 30 people have signed up to participate in "Why Catholic" This is normally a 4-year program, but the Parish is only asking people to commit to 6 weeks. Sister Glinka is looking for Group Leaders and informed the team that training will be made available to those needing training. Phil Durham also informed the team that group leadership will not require extreme work.</p> <p>Sister Glinka also announced that she is working on an outreach program to reach out to parents whose children were baptized in the last 4 years. Groups of parents will be invited to attend other meetings, such as the hospitality committee's meeting. Meetings with parents will be held in conjunction with other committee meetings to ensure parents stay involved with the parish.</p>
Announcement about the Homeless Shelter	<p>Veronica announced that Holy Spirit will be participating in the homeless shelter week during October 9 – 16th. She needs help from volunteers who are willing to cook meals, drive vans and/or cover overnight shifts. Any help is appreciated.</p>
Objectives for Achieving Group's Top Priorities	<p>The team discussed at great lengths what objectives should be met to accomplish the priorities as voted on by all group members at last month's meetings. As a reminder the top three priorities the Parish Council will focus on are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • develop stronger infrastructure/procedures • develop a mentoring process whereby members may assume leadership roles • foster an active and energized young adult program <p>Some of the members' ideas for developing stronger infrastructure/procedures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue posting meeting minutes to keep members informed • Organize a booklet to consolidate all of the documentation around meetings, committees, members, events, meeting minutes and more • Work on and update the website (create links to other Harford County parishes) • Ensure liaisons report on the committees to make everyone aware of what committees are doing

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use the sign outside the church to draw attention to events • Hold a town meeting <p>Some of the members' ideas to develop a mentoring process whereby members may assume leadership roles include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct a committee fair where people can learn about the different committees (revisit in-depth next month) • Use the Why Catholic programs to mentor people • Hold a Town Meeting • Provide church leadership courses and workshops (these may be provided by the Church Institute) • Identify people that could be a part of the Pastoral Council earlier so they may start attending meetings earlier before the new council takes over <p>Some of the members' ideas to foster an active and energized young adult program include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a program for families and plan "family night" events • Create a newcomer's welcoming committee and give Welcome Baskets to new members (Sister Glinka and Denise agreed to spearhead this committee and will discuss more ideas next month) • Have greeters available at mass on the weekends (the Parish Council decided to arrive at mass a few minutes earlier than usual to greet people at the lobby) • Create a youth organization that holds weekend events and activities for the young
Words from the Evangelization Committee	Dave Micelli agreed that a lot of the ideas mentioned at this meeting fall under the Evangelization Committee and he hopes to help the Parish Council with implementation of these ideas. The next Evangelization Committee meeting is on the first Monday in October.
Words from the Planning Committee	Phil Durham reported that the Planning Committee hopes to have a Parish Plan available by the end of September. Phil requested assistance with the web site. Veronica and Larry volunteered to assist Phil Durham. They will discuss the web site with Phil and will implement changes or make updates together.
Next Meeting	The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Friday, October 13, 2006 at the Parish from 6:30 to 8:30 pm.
Assignment for Next Month's Meeting	Members should think about the ideas that were mentioned at this meeting (listed above). At next month's meeting, the Parish Council members will write down what needs to happen to carry out these ideas and accomplish the goals. The members will also begin focusing on the committees in more detail.

4.0 Upcoming Events

1. Holy Spirit Church has signed up to provide volunteers and help for the homeless shelter in Riverside the week of October 9 – 16th People should contact Veronica Hernandez to volunteer.
2. The annual picnic is scheduled for Sunday, October 1, 2006 from 12 pm – 3 pm at Mariner Point Park in the Pavilion.

5.0 Action Items

None