

HOLY CROSS PARISH  
PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES  
AUGUST 2, 2016

Attending: Father Julian, Nancy Burke, Judy Cain, Jordan DeMatteis, John Devino, Marcia Devino, Dick Martell, Patti Peters, Alan Sexton, Stan Willard

In advance of the meeting the following items had been distributed to the members of the Parish Council (the Council)

- Meeting Agenda
- Draft Minutes from the June 7, 2016 meeting of the Council
- Evangelization brochure

Opening Prayer

The meeting began with an opening prayer at 6:35 pm

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes from the June 7, 2016 meeting of the council. The Council then voted to approve that motion and the motion carried.

Committee Reports

Note

Council states that a better understanding of what committees are doing and a sharing of the information with parishioners is necessary.

Liturgy

- There was no meeting of the committee.

Faith Formation

- There was no representative.
- Registration is taking place now. Will request update on how it is progressing
- Are there enough teachers to cover all classes this year?

Social Activities

- A Bunco night is planned for September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016
- Plans are being formulated for a celebration of the success of the Capital Campaign The celebration should be planned in conjunction with the celebration of Holy Cross (September 14<sup>th</sup>); September 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> as a possible date. A dessert reception is being considered.
- Family game night was poorly attended. It is possible that an earlier starting time would attract more families. Pizza for attendees is being considered.

### Social Concerns/Outreach

- There was no committee meeting. This committee is quiet until it is time to plan for the holidays.
- Father visits approximately 22 homebound for communion on First Friday

### Finance

- Bids for construction were submitted by the 16<sup>th</sup> of July.
- Cloarec Hall has been rented as a day care center.
- The Hall has been cleaned and repairs needed have been made. September 1, 2016 is the planned opening. Inspection by the DCF is scheduled. Ages of the children is 6 weeks to 5 years.
- We have met the goal of \$25,000 for matching funds from anonymous parishioners for additional Capital Campaign contributions.
- A general contractor has been approved and construction will begin in September.

The Parish Council is very appreciative of the outstanding success of the Finance Committee.

### Website

- The website averages 15 visits per day
- Council members are requested to visit the website (HolyCrossvt.org) before the next Council meeting
- Encourage parishioners to visit the site
- Streamline the website to make it more interesting
- Insert an announcement concerning the website as a standard part of the weekly bulletin.

### Old Business

- Youth representative: Jordan De Matteis will be attending UVM beginning 8/29<sup>th</sup>. The Council will need a new representative: Suggestions are Andrew Spenser and Gabie Lajeunesse.
- Mass Schedule Changes: Thus far there have been no complaints.
- Feed the Starving Children: Volunteers are set for scheduled coverage for the bake sale at the Rest Stop on the Interstate for Saturday, August 6 from 8 to 4 pm.
- Totus Tuus: Very successful with 48 students registered; 9 high school students and 38 grade school students; 7 teen volunteers helped with the grade school program. Parishioners provided generous amounts of food and beverages so no funds were spent on additional snacks and drinks. Parishioners also volunteered to provide lunches and dinners to the teaching team. \_Registration fees and donations (minus scholarships 175.00 and \$50/teacher) resulted in Excess to the General Fund of \$400. Funds are earmarked for

Confirmation Retreat.

New Business

- Father Julian: Sixteen Priests joined Father Julian for an Extern Priests Gathering held at Holy Cross. 58 priests and 6 bishops from the Philippines serving parishes in the United States and Canada attended a meeting in New York City. While there they did some sight-seeing and touring of the city.

Miscellaneous

- Monica Caiya completed the questionnaire from the diocese and sent it in as requested.
- A fund-raising tennis tournament will be held on August 20, 2016, from 8 to 11. Funds raised will be donated to the Community Food Shelf.
- Council Members are requested to attend the Evangelization conference on August 9<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm.

The meeting was adjourned following a closing prayer.

The next Council Meeting will be on September 6, 2016, at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Burke  
Secretary Pro temp