

HOLY CROSS PARISH
PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 6, 2016

Attending: Nancy Burke, Judy Cain, John Devino, Marcia Devino, Mary Kobera,
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 August 2, 2016 meeting of the Council.

At the start of the meeting the following items were distributed to those in attendance:

- The Constitution of the Holy Cross Parish Council as adopted by the Parish Council on February 7, 2012.
- Worksheet listing the names and contact information of the members of the Parish Council and various Parish Commissions/Committees (Faith Formation, Liturgy, Social Activities, Social Concerns and Finance).

Opening Prayer

The meeting began with an opening prayer at 6:40 pm.

Approval of Minutes

The Council reviewed the draft minutes from its August 2, 2016 meeting. Amendments were proposed to correct slight clerical errors. A motion was duly made and seconded to accept the minutes from the August 2, 2016 meeting of the Council as amended. The Council then voted to approve that motion.

Commission Reports

The Council reviewed the most recent Reports from various Parish Commissions. Highlights from those reports included the following items:

Liturgy

- The Healing Mass and luncheon has been rescheduled to Monday, October 17th in order to better accommodate Father Julian's schedule.

Faith Formation

- The next meeting of the Faith Formation Commission will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 13th. Parish Council Chairperson John Devino and Director of Faith Formation Dorine Boucher will participate in the meeting. Any other members of the Parish who might wish to attend are invited to do so.
- An adequate number of people have volunteered to teach Faith Formation classes.

Social Activities

- On Sunday, September 11th at 3:00 p.m. there will be a Celebration in recognition of the success of the Capital Campaign. Campaign leaders will speak briefly. Cake and punch will be served. in
- A Bunco night has been scheduled for Friday, October 23rd at 6:45 p.m., with play beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Social Concerns/Outreach

- The monthly dinners for ANEW Place (formerly known as the Burlington Emergency Shelter) continue to be scheduled for the first Tuesday of each month..

Old Business

- Andrew Ghigliotti has been named as a new Youth Representative to the Parish Council. Gabie Lajeunesse has also expressed an interest in serving and is considering her acceptance of the position.
- No problems have been reported in connection with the new weekend Mass schedule.
- The bake sale held on August 6th for the benefit of the Feed My Starving Children program raised approximately \$500. A “packaging session” will be held on Saturday, October 15th from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Participants will be asked to wear hair nets and no jewelry.
- The Council discussed the Evangelization Meeting that was held on August 9th. Feedback from that meeting included a desire for a Question and Answer session as well more discussion of what works and what doesn’t work. It was noted that this issue continues to be a work in progress.

New Business

- The Council reviewed The Constitution of the Holy Cross Parish Council as adopted by the Parish Council on February 7, 2012. It was noted that correct terminology for the naming of sub-groups of the Council should reference “Commissions” rather than “Committees”. It was further noted that the Religious Education Commission as described therein is now known as the Faith Formation Commission.
- It was agreed that an insert be placed in the Parish bulletin listing the members of the Parish Council, along with their email addresses and telephone numbers. That same list will be placed on the Parish website (<http://holycrossvt.org/>).
- It was also agreed that, following their approval, minutes of the Parish Council meetings would be posted to the Parish website.
- It was reported that the Parish website receives an average of 20 visits per day. The most visited sections include:
 - Home
 - Bulletins
 - Events
- It was noted that access to the website server is currently limited to Justin Lewis. It would be desirable for Monica Cayia and Alan Sexton to also be granted access to the server.
- The Council discussed possible methods by which parishioners might get to know each other better. One possible method suggested would be for parishioners to speak at weekend Masses introducing themselves to those present. This suggestion will be submitted to Father Julian for his consideration.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday, October 4th, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned without objection at 8:20 p.m. with a closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Peters