

# Holy Cross Parish Council Meeting

February 10, 2010

Upper Room – Parish Life Center

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**Mission Statement:** Called by God through Baptism, empowered by the Holy Spirit, formed by the Word, nourished by the Eucharist, we gather in our diversity as a community-- of faith, worship, and service, to share with others the love of Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord.

## MINUTES

**Attendance:** Bob Clarke, Brian Clifford, Father Rush, Linda Contreras, Mimi Campbell, Linda Van Scooter, Katie Marotta, Patrick Ivie, Marge Chamberlin, Arturo Fernandez-Lopez

Opening Prayer  
Welcome

Linda Van Scooter  
Bob Clarke

### Old Business

- Parish Council Mass on January 24<sup>th</sup> was a great success. Thank you to everyone for volunteering! Discuss also doing Masses for 4 pm Saturday, 8 am Sunday, and 2 pm Sunday (Spanish Mass). Bob to send a proposed schedule to Council members & BethAnn.
- Update on Executive Council discussion on Time & Talent chair function / description of duties. Scott & Katie to lead effort and to talk to Ann Echols for definition of duties for this position. “Stewardship Day” is now targeted for 2-3 committees once each month (Sat/Sun Masses) through 2010. Propose “term limits” for Chairs of no more than 3 years, with the last year being co-chair with their successor. Katie Marotta and Scott Niedzialek to lead the Time & Talent activities & organize Stewardship Day schedule with the committees.
- Bob to send out a questionnaire to all Council members on “why I wanted to be on the Council and why it is important”. Council responses will be posted on Website. Bob to send out this week. Council members to forward completed form to Larry Wetzel.

### New Business

- Plan Discernment for new Council members in 2010. Ideas and dates. Discussion from last Council meeting: 1) personal invite and bring to a council meeting; 2) at a Mass - have council members tell why they enjoy it and how this service to our parish community is important; 3) look at list of people from last year; etc. Consider having a small Discernment Committee. Council agreed to April 28<sup>th</sup> as the date (6-9 pm). Marge will organize the plans for food. 6 to 6:30 will be gather/social, 7 dinner, 7:30 to 9 pm will be discernment process.
- Parish Council Committee representative changes:
  - Karl Rony resigned from the HC Regional Catholic School Board and thus also resigned as the Parish Council representative for that position. A representative from the Council to be recommended (suggestion to contact Jeff Hansen).
  - Marie Anstey would like to end her current role as Chair of the Fellowship Committee for two reasons. She is busy helping her mother who has had recent health issues and she has been in this position for several years. Maybe break it up into 1) picnic, 2) church receptions, 3) new member reception, 4) calling and welcoming new parishioners, etc....Katie to request any available documented process/guidelines for activities, contacts, etc. from Marie.

Break: Refreshments - Evelyn Monark

1. Pastors Report /Budget Fr. Rush  
 May be close to making an offer for the principal position at Holy Cross School.  
 Lost 2-3 weekends of collections with the winter storms. Have not decided how to make that up yet
2. Young Adult Ministry Mimi Campbell  
 Five people were supposed to go to the Young Adult retreat in Hampton but it was cancelled due to weather. Waiting to hear when it will be rescheduled.  
 There may be a silent retreat scheduled in Richmond in the near future.
3. Christian Formation Linda Contreras  
 Linda provided details on catechist retreat in Salem and another Pathways class offered in the spring. Pancake breakfast....bring a friend(s). Bingo on Feb 14<sup>th</sup> from 1:30-4:00.  
 Last speaker scheduled for talk on Vatican council could not make it due to weather; it will need to be rescheduled.  
 Confirmation retreat went well; good group of facilitators. Talked about discovery retreat, Christian awakening retreat, Confirmation retreat....  
 Souper Bowl Sunday was lighter than normal due to the weather. Canned food donations: 59 on Saturday evening, 14 at 8 am, and 133 at 11 pm. Total items of food was lower than past years.  
 However, there were some generous cash donations. Food pantry is very low right now.
4. Holy Cross School TBD
5. Youth Representative TBD
6. Pastoral Care Marge Chamberlin  
 Blood pressure screenings were canceled due to weather. Marge will schedule CPR classes for anyone interested.  
 William & Mary students will be staying here at Holy Cross to work at Lynchburg Grows in March; during their spring break. Habitat lunch will be at Holy Cross in March as well.  
 Easter baskets will be prepared & delivered the last weekend in March before Easter for our own parishioners. Katie & Bob volunteered to organize religious ed classes to bring in different items to help stock the Easter baskets.
7. Social Ministry Evelyn Monark  
 "Just Neighbors" is going well. Meeting was going on at Holy Cross that evening.
8. Fellowship Committee Marie Anstey
9. Hispanic Report Arturo Fernandez-Lopez  
 Activities before Lent; stations of the cross, program every Sunday to explain the traditions during Lent and Easter season and what it means to be Catholic, have a procession on Palm Sunday, public life of Jesus movie around Easter.  
 Two requests 1) want to go and visit children terminally ill in the hospital, nursing homes, hospice; who coordinates (there are Eucharistic ministers who visit sick), 2) visit people in jail but that is a process that is very complicated. Gordon Cartwright goes to Buckingham jail, 3) AA meetings in Spanish question has been discussed in the past and it was thought this had been answered already; Arturo and Father to discuss further.

Closing Prayer

RoseMarie Woodell

Next Exec. Committee Meeting

February 24<sup>th</sup> (Wed)

Next Committee Meeting

March 10<sup>th</sup> (Wed)