

# Holy Cross Parish Council Meeting

6:30 - 8:30 PM

March 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, Sam O’Kane, Larry Wetzel, RoseMarie Woodell

Opening Prayer

Larry Wetzel

Welcome

Bob Clarke

Old Business

- Discuss planned Council Masses for 8 am Sunday March 21<sup>st</sup> and 5 pm Saturday March 27<sup>th</sup>.  
Postponed. In discussions it was agreed that we should not inconvenience those already scheduled for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter Mass ministries by displacing them for these target weekends at such short notice. Also, several Council and Committee chairs had conflicts with those weekends which would have made it very difficult to fill all the Mass ministry positions. Council agreed to delay our plans for the next Council Masses until after the new Council members are discerned (start of new Council year; Summer or Fall).
- Update on Executive Council discussion on Time & Talent chair function / description of duties. “Stewardship Day” is now targeted for 2-3 committees once each month (Sat/Sun Masses) through 2010. Propose suggested “term limits” for Chairs of 3 years, with the last year being co-chair with their successor. If current Chairs or new Chairs would like to continue in their leadership role longer than 3 years, that is wonderful.
  1. Time and Talent Directory - Scott is working on a form to send to all committee heads from the directory to see that the committee is still together and get a current list of members and contact information (to include emails).
  2. Time and Talent Sunday - Still in the works...after the directory is cleaned up, we will invite 2-3 committees per month to set up a display in the commons to share what their committee does and have sign ups for volunteers if they need them.
  3. Time and Talent Luncheon - May 16th after the 10:00 mass.
  4. Fellowship - Considering having two main sub-committees for the Parish picnic and Parish celebrations. We need to focus on finding chairs/committees for these 2 areas. Plan to gather Marie’s past notes on Parish celebrations.
  5. Fellowship responsibilities coming up: First Reconciliation and First Communion receptions are being taken care of by the parents of the 1st and 3rd graders. Linda said Confirmation reception can be led by other high school classes, but Fellowship could help. Father Rush & Parish Council would like to see the Easter Vigil reception continue, so we need to get a group together to work on that. Katie can kick-off a committee this year so that someone else can lead it next year. A suggestion was made to announce that we are looking for help in the bulletin.
- 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. If you have not sent it back to Larry, please do.
- Discernment Plan/Schedule for new Council members in 2010:
  - 1) First announcement of discernment process and distribution of ballots the weekend of March 20-21<sup>st</sup>. Council volunteers to make announcement at Masses. Bob will send out a prepared announcement, but volunteers are welcome to prepare their own.
    - a. Father Rush: 5 pm announcement before the prayers of the faithful
    - b. Bob is reading at 8 am and will make the announcement at that Mass
    - c. Father Rush to make the announcement at the 11 am Mass

- 2) Second announcement and distribution of ballots the weekend of March 27-28<sup>th</sup>.
  - a. [Walter has the 5 pm Mass Saturday,](#)
  - b. [Scott has the 8 am Mass Sunday, and](#)
  - c. [Katie has the 11 pm Mass Sunday](#)
  - d. [Volunteer for Spanish Mass? Check with Arturo](#)
- 3) Father will make a final announcement at the Masses the weekend of April 10-11<sup>th</sup> and ballots will be distributed for the last time. The weeks of April 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> will be used to call the nominees and prepare for the evening of discernment.
- 4) Discernment evening will be April 28<sup>th</sup> from 6-9 pm with reception from 6-6:30, dinner (small Italian pot-luck), then start the discernment process at 7:30. Joe Marotta will lead us in the discernment process.
- 5) In addition to the request for nominees at the Masses, we should still plan for personal invite and bring to a council meeting if you have a nominee in mind and look at the list of people from last year.

#### New Business

- Parish Council Committee representative changes:
  - Bob has contacted Tim Laurent to discuss what the HC Regional Catholic School Board would like in the Parish Council representative for that position. Then contact nominees and reply to volunteers. [Update at next meeting](#)
  - Katie Marotta and Scott Niedzialek will lead the new “Fellowship Committee” and plan to divide it up into sub-committees. [See above](#)
  - Scott to work with Larry on possible audio/visual options in the Commons. [Update at next meeting](#)

#### Break: Refreshments - Bob Clarke

1. Pastors Report /Budget Fr. Rush
  - a. [Diocese is checking parish boundaries. Handed out explanation of our boundaries.](#)
  - b. [In the process of doing budgets for different committees and the finance committee has met. Handed out current budget/income statement. We are doing well right now. We will be replacing some of the air conditioning units.](#)
  - c. [Building committee is looking at our buildings and prioritizing what may need to be fixed. One thing is the outside coverings of the stained glass windows. Many others are being considered. Consider having a rep from the building committee come talk to council.](#)
  - d. [Final budgets due to diocese in May.](#)
  - e. [Days after the Council meeting, the termite damage in the back of the church was discovered. Additional details will come in the following weeks.](#)
2. Young Adult Ministry (YAM) Mimi Campbell
  - a. [YAM cooked dinner for Gateway this past Sunday. Diocesan goal of bridging young adults with campus ministries. Silent retreat being offered on April 9-10.](#)
3. Christian Formation Linda Contreras
  - a. [1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation at 7 pm on March 18<sup>th</sup>, reception after.](#)
  - b. [9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders went on Discovery retreats...very good participation.](#)
  - c. [Sullivan conference is catechist retreat in May with main location in Richmond. Also have one day Pathways option for catechists.](#)
  - d. [Pastor of St. Paul’s on 2<sup>nd</sup> Vatican Council and Protestant Reformation on March 21<sup>st</sup>.](#)
  - e. [9<sup>th</sup> graders are studying what it means to be Catholic and they visited other places \(Synagogue, Court St. Baptist, Episcopal Church\).](#)
  - f. [Youth group is having a St. Pat’s party on Sat. March 20<sup>th</sup> and have invited all the local Catholic churches.](#)
4. Holy Cross School TBD
5. Youth Representative TBD
6. Pastoral Care Marge Chamberlin

- a. Last meeting on March 3<sup>rd</sup>.
  - b. Students (12) from W&M staying at HC the week of March 8<sup>th</sup> and working at Lynchburg Grows.
  - c. March 23<sup>rd</sup> feeding Habitat students lunch.
  - d. Anointing of Sick on March 26<sup>th</sup>. Easter baskets on March 27<sup>th</sup>. Parish nurses blood mobile on June 10<sup>th</sup> (12-6). H1N1 on March 11<sup>th</sup>.
  - e. Newsletter cutoff on April 10<sup>th</sup> (send Joy stories/material from Parish Council).
7. Social Ministry Evelyn Monark
- a. Just Neighbors meeting downstairs during this Council meeting (March 10<sup>th</sup>) Final meeting on March 24<sup>th</sup>.
8. Fellowship Committee Brian Clifford (picnic up-date), Katie Marotta
- a. Need picnic lists/info from Brian and Marie. Need to set a date for the picnic (11<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup> of September was suggested). *After the meeting September 18<sup>th</sup> was scheduled for the picnic date.*
9. Hispanic Report Arturo Fernandez-Lopez
- a. (Sent via email): Continue doing the Stations of the Cross just after Masses.
  - b. Palm Sunday they will have the movie "Public Life of Christ"
  - c. Our teens will participate in the "Encuentro" in Blackstone this upcoming March 20 and 21. A total of 8 teens will participate from the Hispanic community representing Holy Cross in this event.

Closing Prayer

Linda Contreras

Next Exec. Committee Meeting

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

Next Committee Meeting

April 14<sup>th</sup> small meeting to plan discernment 6:30-7:30