

# SPECIAL Holy Cross Parish Council Meeting with the Building Committee

6:00 - 8:30 PM

March 30, 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

Attendees: Bob Clarke, Linda Van Scooter, Evelyn Monark, Larry Wetzel, Bill Fastabend, Brenda Fastabend, Jim Martin, Dick Kingsley, Mike Madden, Sam O’Kane, Patrick Ivie, Tom Golden, Kevin Chamberlin, Marge Chamberlin, Scott Niedzialek, Katie Marotta, Walter Karvetski

Opening Prayer & Welcome

Bob Clarke

1. Proposal for Parish Council representatives in 2010-2011 and discernment change due to the uncommon circumstances the parish is challenged with.
  - a. A proposal was made by the Parish staff and Parish Council executive committee to consider maintaining consistency and avoiding a change in leadership until we move past the termite & asbestos issue. The entire Council and committee chairs agreed to keep the current Council membership as is until discernment in 2011. Sam O’Kane has finished his 3 year term (thank you for your service, Sam!). All other Parish Council members will remain, including the d3 representatives (Scott and Katie; thank you to them also!). Executive Council is unchanged.
  - b. The evening of Discernment scheduled for April 28<sup>th</sup> is cancelled due to the carry-over of the current Council and the extenuating circumstances.
  - c. Scott, Walter, and Bob will call those who were nominated (15 people) from the first week’s announcement. If any of the nominated are strongly interested in being on Council, we can fill two alternate spots and/or ask that they keep Council in consideration for 2011. There will be many new groups and ad-hoc committee “opportunities” to serve our parish over the next year!
  - d. In the next Council meeting we will vote for Sam O’Kane’s replacement from the current alternates (Brian Clifford & Patrick Ivie).
2. Information & discussion with BethAnn Good & Linda Contreras:
  - a. Update on religious education schedules and plans for special events (1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist, confirmation, church camp, etc.)
    - i. 27<sup>th</sup> of April will be Confirmation at St. Thomas Moore. It will be separate from the Confirmation for students from STM.
    - ii. 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist will be at Court Street United Methodist on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.
    - iii. Religious education classes should be changing to rooms at HC School for last two weeks this year (April 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>) and maybe this Fall (all classes; all ages; from 11:15 to 12:15). Different than original plan to come back to the Commons after 10 am Mass.
    - iv. No church camp this year.
  - b. Updates on any other schedule changes for Masses or other parish activities
    - i. The Commons should be only impacted for a short period of time for movement of items in or out of the sanctuary.

3. Finance, savings, bills, etc. with Mike Madden and BethAnn
  - a. BethAnn covered the current statement of our financial position as of March 2010.
  - b. Mike Madden re-iterated that we are in a good position financially, but without knowing what the costs will be, we can not say for sure how much of our savings we will need to use, if we will need to have a fund drive, etc. Father Rush will keep our entire parish informed of costs as they become available.
  
4. Jim Martin feedback on first week of set-up and tear-down for Masses at Holy Cross School. Recommendations for improvements or changes.
  - a. The first Saturday evening (March 27<sup>th</sup>) went well for set-up. Jim Weigand took pictures to show set-up and use for consistency in all future set-ups.
  - b. There will be teams of 8-10 people per team (goal is to have each team responsible for setup no more than once every two months). Still looking for more volunteers. Saturday's setup time for the rest of this year has been set at 7 pm.
  - c. Brian Clifford provided a very detailed list of what is in each room at the school; very helpful!
  - d. Gym is not air conditioned, but we'll manage.
  
5. Update from Building Committee on latest news and near-term activities. Discuss how Parish Council can best support this huge repair effort.
  - a. Slide show pictures of damage, asbestos, & boiler room (10 min; Dick Kingsley)
    - i. Dick to provide pictures to Larry Wetzel to put on the Holy Cross website.
    - ii. Very interesting and informative pictures.
  - b. Project status, identify near term goals, schedule (10 min; Dick Kingsley)
    - i. Dick provided a lot of details.
    - ii. The biggest issue that needs to be dealt with first is the remediation of the asbestos.
  - c. Removal, storage, & reinstall of heritage items and protection of items that will remain in the sanctuary (10 min; Bill Fastabend)
    - i. NB Handy has graciously agreed to provide warehouse space to store most of our heritage items.
    - ii. Bill detailed what items could be removed and what items must stay in the sanctuary.
  - d. Proposal for executive oversight committee (independent group with executive work experience)
    - i. A small oversight team will be assembled with a range of experience in different industries and to provide executive review for the building committee progress and decisions.
    - ii. Bob to work with Dick to finalize this team.
  - e. Q&A

6. Other items....

- a. Decision made separate from the meeting: Marie Anstey will continue as the Fellowship committee chair per her request and improved availability. Katie and Scott will work with her to help divide up responsibilities for different fellowship activities (such as picnic, church celebrations, etc.) to lighten the load and transfer valuable knowledge over time. Marie has set a date for the Parish Picnic and has started the process of requesting volunteers.
- b. Bob's clarification of the 3 year term limits that has been stated in recent council minutes (this clarification was also in a recent bulletin):
  - i. Holy Cross Church and the Parish Pastoral Council appreciate all the work the many committee chairpersons and their committees do for our parish. In recent Parish Council minutes it was noted that we are proposing that the committee chairpersons have a three year term and in the last year they try to have a vice-chair to take over their duties when they are no longer the chairperson. The Parish Council would like to clarify that we are proposing that as a minimum commitment so new volunteers do not have to commit to an indefinite term. However, if any current or future chairpersons would like to remain in their positions longer than 3 years, that is perfectly acceptable and much appreciated. As stated earlier, the Parish Council truly appreciates all you do and we hope you all will continue in your chairperson roles for as long as you are able and willing. We are not asking for anyone who is currently in a chairperson role for 3 years or more to end your duties. We hope you continue to volunteer and serve our parish community for many more years. Thank you. Holy Cross Parish Council.

Next Committee Meeting:

April 28<sup>th</sup> (Executive Council)

May 12<sup>th</sup> (Full Council)

Additional meetings as necessary