

HOLY CROSS PARISH  
PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES  
JANUARY 2, 2018

Attending: Father William Beaudin, Council Chairperson John Devino, Judy Cain, Marcia Devino, Mary Kobera, Gabie Lajeunesse, Dick Martel, Patti Peters, Alan Sexton.

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 November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017 meeting of the Council.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

Opening Prayer: Father Beaudin led those present in an opening prayer.

Review and Approval of Minutes: The Council reviewed the draft minutes from the November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017 meeting of the Council. No changes or edits were suggested. The Council then voted to approve the minutes from that meeting.

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

➤ LITURGY

- At its last meeting on November 15<sup>th</sup> the Commission discussed preparations for Advent and Christmas (Mass schedules, decorating, pageant, etc.).
- A Lenten Mission will be presented by Father Harlowe. Additional details will be forthcoming.
- Arrangements for the Three Kings procession for the Feast of the Epiphany are in place. Processions will take place at both the 5:30 pm Mass on Saturday and the 8:45 am Mass on Sunday.
- Two parishes in Stowe and Morrisville, VT will now be served by the same Pastor.

➤ FAITH FORMATION

- No news

• SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

- A Bunco Night will be planned for later this month.
- A Pot Luck Supper will be planned for sometime in February. It will be advertised in advance noting that there will be a "prize" awarded.

➤ SOCIAL CONCERNS

- The Christmas gift deliveries to our shut-ins went well and people were very appreciative. They especially enjoyed the small cakes.
- A short presentation will be made at each weekend Mass seeking to expand the number of people participating in the monthly meal preparation for ANEW Place.

Those who have in the past routinely participated in this project could be asked to delay signing up for upcoming meals in order to allow newcomers the chance to participate.

- This year Ash Wednesday will be on February 14<sup>th</sup>.

#### ➤ FINANCE

- Father has made known to the Diocese the Parish's concern over its required contribution to the support of Rice High School. The Diocese has acknowledged that concern but has not made any change to the 9% assessment placed on the Parish's ordinary income. Even if the Parish were to pay its own bills before paying the assessment for Rice the amount owed to the Diocese would still be due. Only a very limited number of students (2 or 3) from Holy Cross attend Rice High School but the assessment remains constant. Dialogue on this issue will be ongoing, Father Beaudin will keep the Council updated on any developments.

#### ➤ YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE

- No news

#### ➤ WEBSITE ([www.holycrossvt.org](http://www.holycrossvt.org))

- Continues to do well, there were over 200 hits on Christmas Eve checking Mass schedules.
- Security issues have been remediated.
- The website now includes a link to radio station WRXJ, 105.5 FM, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Radio.
- FORMED is doing well. Ideally parishioners would utilize the site's content for 15 to 20 minutes each day.

#### OLD BUSINESS

- We have approximately 16 people that have signed up for the AED training. The date for that training is still to be determined.
- About 4 families are preparing their biographies for their participation in the "Getting to Know You" project.
- Parish Secretary Monica Cayia has set up the Holy Cross Connection which will be used to send emails concerning special events to those parishioners who have signed up for this service.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- Synod:
  - The meeting for Holy Cross Parish was held on December 5<sup>th</sup>. About 30 people were in attendance, which is about average for the meetings held for other parishes
  - The next event will be a Listening Session on January 13<sup>th</sup> at the Cathedral. It will be facilitated by Bishop Coyne.
  - Another Synod meeting will take place next September or October.
  - Reports from each meeting will be submitted to the Synod Office.
- Parish Council Elections:

- The next Parish Council elections will be held in March, 2018. Those elected will begin their three-year term in April. There will be two vacancies as Marcia Devino and Mark Kobera have reached term limits (two consecutive three-year terms). Alan Sexton will be reaching the end of his first three-year term and is eligible for re-election. The next vacancy due to term limits will be in 2019 when John Devino completes his second term. Father Beaudin will appoint the new members following the election.

#### ITEMS FROM FATHER BEAUDIN

- Cloarec Hall has now been winterized. Unfortunately, on December 20<sup>th</sup>, prior to winterization, a pipe burst due to a faulty thermostat. The resulting damage (carpets, vinyl flooring) was quickly repaired/remedied.
- There was no heat in the Church last Sunday morning (December 31<sup>st</sup>) due to a faulty pilot switch. The temperature in the Church was still tolerable, but cooler than normal.

#### NEXT MEETING DATE

- The next meeting of the Council will be held on February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 6:30 pm.

#### ADJOURNMENT

- There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned without objection at 7:45pm.

#### CLOSING PRAYER

- The members of the council were led in a closing prayer by Father Beaudin.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Peters