

**Holy Spirit Pastoral Council
Meeting Minutes
January 22, 2023**

Attendees: Rev. David Nestler, OFM Cap; Erin Whatley; Reginald Jones; Kim Fortson; Jennifer McClellan Johnson; Erin Raines; Ray Hines; Sandra Madison; Marilyn Griffin; David Tucker; Brenda Holbert

Absent: Sofia Fasone; David Williams; Sherman Whaley; Peter Jenkins

Meeting began: 12:13PM – Adjourned: 1:40PM

1. Review of meeting minutes for the October 23, 2022, Pastoral Council meeting. Approved as submitted.

2. Epiphany Sunday, 2023 - Holy Spirit Parish's 15th Anniversary recap and discussion:

The council reviewed the planning committee report of the anniversary luncheon, and the consensus of the council members was the luncheon was a big success. It was felt the Mediterranean Event Center was an excellent choice as the venue. The layout of the room allowed for everyone to be able to see each other. The food was good, and the buffet setup allowed everyone to be served quickly. It was also mentioned that servers brought food to people who couldn't get to the serving line. The program moved along smoothly, and the basket raffle and silent auction were a success. It was noted that people stayed till the end.

For the next anniversary celebration, it was suggested the planning begin in April of 2027, to allow for plenty of time to organize all aspects of the event.

The financial report for the event was reviewed. Copies of the report will be provided to the parish.

3. On mentoring a refugee family:

Approximately 5 people from the parish have said they would participate in this program. Fr. David will contact Catholic Charities to confirm that Holy Spirit Parish will participate. It will be a three-month commitment. There is a possibility more parishioners will agree to become mentors once they see the program in progress. We are now ready to take the next step in the process. Note, there isn't a monetary commitment required from mentors or Holy Spirit Church to participate and housing for the refugee family will already have been provided. The mentors will check in on the families once a week to see if they need help with basic needs, for example: how to buy groceries, how to use public transportation, help to obtain a driver's license etc.

4. Smart Academy

The lease ends on June 30, 2023, there are no further details pending the meeting of the Finance Council on January 26, 2023. During this meeting the council will discuss conditions and terms for a possible renewal of the lease.

5. The National Black Catholic Congress:

The dates for the NBCC is July 20 – 23, 2023. There was a Day of Reflection meeting held last October. A follow-up meeting, which will be a summary of the first session, is scheduled for February 4, 2023. It's not necessary to have attended the first session in October to attend the February 4th session. The following have indicated they will attend: Jennifer McClellan Johnson, Erin Raines, Erin Whatley and possibly Fr. David. It was suggested to reach out to other parishioners to see if they would be interested in attending. There was a discussion centered around

including age groups that would offer diverse perspectives and see if they would be interested in attending not only the follow up day of reflection meeting but also to the NBCC conference in July. A few names surfaced and one member agreed to contact them.

6. Shepherding Committee:

Sr. Jane Nesmith, S.B.S, has requested two parish representatives for the Black Catholic Advisory Committee. Erin Whatley and Kim Fortson volunteered to represent Holy Spirit Church at the upcoming meeting and on the Advisory Committee. The date and time of the meeting is pending. Also note, the name of the Shepherding Committee has been changed to the Black Catholic Advisory Committee or the Advisory Committee. The committee noted with gratitude the participation of Patricia Douglas and Jimmie Waugh on the Shepherding Committee since its beginning and respects their desire to be free of this responsibility.

7. Other/New Business:

Facebook Page:

- To place information about the upcoming Book of Revelation Bible study event on the page.
- Review the weekly bulletin and post relevant information to the page every week.
- Possibly add a QR code for the Facebook page to the cover of the bulletin.
- Reminder to email information to be included on the Facebook page to facebook@holyspiritcleveland.org

For future events where payments are required (for tickets, etc)

- Have a Cash App or Square App to process payments online.
- Allow all methods of payments, cash, check or credit card.
- Have printed envelopes for donations at the reception desk

Fundraising ideas:

- Memory book
- Golf outing
- Completing surveys of popular products via HundredX.com. More details forthcoming.

Plaza Project:

- No start date, pending notification and guidance from the Northeast Ohio Sewer District.
- Consider selling pavers/bricks as memorials.

Miscellaneous:

- Create a virtual parish directory that can be accessed and updated via the Holy Spirit website.

Future meetings:

- **Sunday, April 23, 2023**
- **Sunday, July 16, 2023**
- **Sunday, October 15, 2023**