

**MINUTES**  
**Parish Pastoral Council Meeting, May19, 2010**

The St. Bridget Parish Council meeting was called to order by Kim Huncher on Wednesday, May 19, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. Kim opened the meeting with a prayer.

**Present:** Msgr. Carr, David Anderson, Tom Bliley, Charlene Beechely, Tim Corbett, Kim Hulcher, Joe Jowaisas, Fr. Matthias, Billy Reid, John Smith, Mark Sweeney, Donna Weber, Kay White.

**Absent:** Frank deVenoge, Kristin Palumbo, Sean Prince, Marie Swider.

**PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS:**

The names of the newly elected members of Parish Council were announced:

**August Keller III, Michael Kozak, Elizabeth Martin and Paul Sinclair.**

Some suggestions for balloting next year:

- Ballots should be picked up **during** Mass instead of after.
- At the end of the homily, priest could ask that parishioners mark their ballots and ballots will be picked up at announced time, i. e. after communion.
- Announcement of candidates and information should start sooner. Notice and write-ups should be put in bulletin and Bridge several weeks ahead of time.
- Candidates could be in commons for parishioners to meet.
- Could have candidates pictures on in-house TV
- Could also use email to get word to parishioners.
- Let parishioners know that 18yr. old parishioners and up are eligible to vote.

**KITCHEN UPDATE:**

- **Mary Martha Thedieck** introduced a parish nurse, Anita Priddy, who told us that the parish center's kitchen was a health hazard and probably would not pass inspection. Mary Martha has cleaned all cabinets, floors etc. and estimates that the cost of the remaining work to be done is approximately \$4500. She had sent an email out to all parish council members asking for a donation of \$100 from each of them. It was brought up that this could be setting a precedent and might not be the best way to solicit donations for the kitchen. Discussion followed. Check can be sent to Frances Smith.

**VACANT PARISH COUNCIL SEAT:**

- **Mark Sweeney** asked if Kristin Palumbo's seat on PC had been filled. Tom Bliley called Jim Melvin (who was next in line in last year's vote) and he accepted the position for the remaining two years.

**PARISH PLANNING:**

- **Msgr. Carr** said that they have compiled information from the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of questions and discussions. It was decided that one of the top priorities was a parish census. Before census is taken, discussion needed on what the expectation of a St. Bridget parishioner will be. Msgr. Carr said that he wants to bring the Parish Planning Committee to a PC meeting.

**SCHOOL ROOF PROJECT UPDATE:**

- A full replacement of school and library roof will be completed by fall. Cost expected to be \$250,000 + 10%. No loans will be needed. Bids will go out to 3 roofers. Hourigan will provide supervision.

## **FIRST AID AND EMERGENCY PROCEDURE DISCUSSION:**

- Parish nurses have given presentation to ushers as to where first aid kits and defibrillators are and how to react to an emergency during services.

## **COMMITTEE UPDATES:**

### **Seniors: Donna Weber**

- Over 100 Seniors from St. Bede and St. Bridget parishes celebrated Mass together today and ate a delicious lunch hosted by St. Bridget seniors.
- The next meeting of the senior group will be their final dinner, which will be planned by Ann McCulla.

### **Music Ministry: Donna Weber**

- Children's choir finished for the year. Requests for Boy's Choir.
- Barbara Walsh Concert Series will be held Friday, 6/18/10 in St. Bridget Church.

### **St. Bridget School: Charlene Beechely**

- The Art Show put on by the Seniors and the School was very successful and may be an annual event. The art teacher at St. Bridget enjoyed working on it.
- Spring Concert 5/20 at 7:00—"Give My Regards to Broadway" is theme.
- Combining carnival and Bull Dog went very well

### **Finance Committee:**

- **Chris Palumbo**, chair of Finance Committed will be moving.
- Bishop's Appeal may be moved to fall. If that happens, St. Bridget may move our Stewardship drive to another time.
- Kim Hulcher asked if other parishes get a percentage of second collections. Also asked who decides who we should collect for in second collections. Again it was brought up that the parishioners are concerned about the number of second collections.

### **Communications: Kay White**

- St. Bridget School sent annual report with development letter and annual fund drive. This was very successful
- Website enhancements for the school and church are needed.
- St. Bridget School "re-branded"--enhanced its logo and color.
- 2 new videos ( Development and Liturgical) will be used this summer on church video monitor
- Planning in Stewardship underway to increase culture of giving.
- Looking at making changes in bulletin in space layout.

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary

**Next Parish Council meeting will be a transition meeting with outgoing and incoming members on 6/16/10. It will be a pot luck dinner held at the home of Pam and Mark Sweeney.**

