

MINUTES

St. Bridget Parish Council meeting—May 18, 2011

The St. Bridget Parish Council meeting was called to order by John Smith, Chairman, on Wednesday, May 18, 2011. John opened the meeting with a prayer.

Present: Msgr. Carr, John Smith, David Anderson, Charlene Bechely, Tim Corbett, Augie Keller, Michael Kozak, Elizabeth Martin, James Melvin, Paul Sinclair, Fr. David Stanfill, Mark Sweeney, Marie Swider, Donna Weber.

Census Report: Paul Sinclair gave a power point report on the status of the parish Census.

There were 2700-2800 households on the rolls before the census was taken. The results of the census thus far are:

- 1500 census forms were returned
- 250 reached in phone campaign. 25% said that they are still in parish

How to handle the non-responders? There is indication that some are still in parish and just neglected to fill out census form. They have pledged \$, contributed to parish, have children in the school or are known to be homebound etc. Paul requested action from parish council to-night on two things:

1. Parish Council approve census count of 2200 households
2. Parish Council support letters from Msgr. Carr

Msgr. Carr gave out three letters he had drafted to the non-responders. These letters were : *“Active unless you tell us”, “One more chance”, and “We are removing you”.*

There was discussion on the letters, especially the *“We are removing you”* letter. Parish Council voted not to send that particular letter, but to send the other letters. They also agreed that the figure of 2200 was a practical count of parish households. This number will go to the Diocese in August.

Mike Kozak told us about a program called *“Catholics Come Home”*. He suggested that the parish send out a letter to those who still have not responded to the census. Perhaps this could be done around the first of Advent, saying *“the door is open”* and that we would love to have you in the parish. Also include a brochure from *Catholics Come Home*. Mike said that he would be willing to take care of this for the parish.

Msgr. Carr said that he wants to close out the census, but that Mike’s idea is good.

Parish Council Elections: The following were elected to Parish Council for a term of 3 years:

- Ellen Gilliam
- Maria Morrison
- Paula Murphy
- Turtle Zaun

Parish Council nominated Mark Sweeney to be Chairman of Parish Council next year. All were in agreement of this nomination.

John Smith volunteered to head up the June meeting which will be a social meeting at the home of Pam and Mark Sweeney. The new PC members will be invited to this meeting and will be installed.

Liturgy Committee: They have requested a meeting with parish council to discuss the new liturgy. We have tentatively set it up for Tues. June 14.

Other Business: Parish Council board in commons will be updated to include pictures of new members and pictures of parish staff.

Charlene Bechely said that she is concerned about the water problem in the school and asked if the Buildings and Grounds Committee was looking into it. John Smith will look into it. John also volunteered to stay on the B & G Committee next year after his PC term is over. Msgr. Carr said that the B & G Committee has long list of projects.

The meeting was closed with a prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alicia Meyer

Recording Secretary

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, June 15 at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Pam and Mark Sweeney at 505 Walsing Drive. This will be a social meeting. Spouses are invited!
