

MINUTES

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting, March 17, 2010

The St. Bridget Parish Council meeting was called to order by Frank deVenoge on Wednesday, March 17, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. Frank opened the meeting with a prayer.

Present: Frank deVenoge, Msgr. Carr, Tom Bliley, Tim Corbett, Kim Hulcher, Joe Jowaisas, Fr. Matthias, John Smith, Mark Sweeney, Marie Swider, Sean Prince.

Absent: David Anderson, Charlene Bechely, Ray Honeycutt, Kristin Palumbo, Billy Reid, Donna Weber, Kay White.

PARISH PLANNING UPDATE:

- ♣ Next Parish Planning meeting will be on 3/23/10 with catered dinner. Pre-meeting Tuesday at 7:30 a.m. Goals for entire group will be filtered to parish. PC will be responsible for holding accountability for what is decided.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS:

- ♣ PC members are to email names of candidates to Frank by EOM.
- ♣ PC members have responsibility to collect ballots at Masses and count them.
- ♣ Four members go off PC this year: Frank deVenoge, Tom Bliley, Kim Hulcher, and Billy Reid.
- ♣ It was suggested that we contact candidates from last year who were not elected to see if they are interested in running again. That was a good group of candidates.

NEW YOUTH MINISTER:

- ♣ Sean Prince reported that Mark Kowalski, from Roanoke, VA and graduate of Roanoke Catholic Schools, has been hired as the new Youth Minister. He will start after August 15. He may visit in April to get insight. Has great experience with Life Team etc. There were 30 applicants for the job.

LITURGY COMMITTEE UPDATE:

- ♣ Marie Swider reported that the Tritium planning takes countless hours. Going very well. Need volunteers.
- ♣ Marie suggest that Parish Council get permanent badges and wear them starting Easter Sunday so that PC will be visible and accessible to the parishioners. Board agreed that this would be good, but getting badges was not assigned to anyone.
- ♣ Summer Mass Schedule: Sat. 5:30, Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 a.m. and 5:00p.m. Summer schedule runs Memorial Day weekend thru Labor Day weekend.
- ♣ There was no negative effect on the collections last summer. E-giving went up from \$7,000 to \$20,000/month.
- ♣ Long Term Goals: Liturgy Committee thinks there should be a re-commitment on part of volunteers. Also more training.

- ♣ Workshops by Debbie Stollery have been given in dioceses incorporating changes. We plan to start the first Sunday of Advent and proceed slowly.
- ♣ New software for Liturgy being implemented. It is interactive. Log on to see your schedule, can request a sub etc. Next schedule will be summer Mass Schedule and new software will be activated at that time.

PIPE ORGAN:

- ♣ Development Committee formed for pipe organ. Arrange for consultant to look at present plans to see if John Paul's organ is right for the church.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Men's Ministry:

- ♣ Approximately 30 men attend at 6:30 a.m. on Saturday.

Stewardship: Tom Bliley

- ♣ Letter from Msgr. went out to parish asking for help in making up \$48,000 loss of revenue due to snow.

Development Committee: Mark Sweeney

- ♣ Gross Revenue for this fiscal year up \$36,000. Net Revenue up \$56,000 as expenses are down. There may be some diocesan debts that need addressing.

"From the Pews":

Marie Swider brought up to the board that parishioners have complained to her about having so many second collections. They wanted to know why we have so many more now. Msgr. Carr said that he believes in them and that there is \$10,000 additional collection money that can be had each week. Discussion followed.

Respectfully submitted,

Alicia Meyer
Recording Secretary

Next meeting of Parish Council will be Wednesday, April 21, 2010 in PCMR.