

MINUTES

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting—March 18, 2009

The St. Bridget Parish Council Meeting was called to order by Chair, Christian Barrett, on Wednesday, March 18, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. Christian opened the meeting with a prayer.

Present: Msgr. Carr, Christian Barrett, Tom Bliley, Charlene Bechely, Tim Corbett, Frank deVenoge, Jeff Hamm, Kim Hulcher, John Smith, Mary Martha Thedieck, Kay White.

Absent: David Anderson, Billy Reid, Donna Weber

The minutes from the February 18 meeting were approved.

Building and Development:

- Final contract was signed by the Bishop
- Electrical fixtures may be upgraded
- Installation of new windows will start at spring break.
- Neighbors will be informed of school renovation and will be give opportunity to ask questions.
- Kim Hulcher asked if any large kitchen equipment is being removed from cafeteria.
- \$800,000 still needed. Shift to solicitation from parish will occur within the next week through mailings and announcements from the pulpit.
- There have been appeals to foundations for different aspects of the school renovation.
- Kim Hulcher said that Mother Presentation Hall was very hot and asked if solar panels for the roof had been looked into.
- Msgr. Carr said that the school offices will be moving to the rectory for the summer.

School Principal Search Update:

- Charlene Bechely in her update said that they have received about 19 applications. They have narrowed it down to 3 or 4 whom they will interview. Applications are still being accepted. The search committee held a parent meeting to get input from the parents.

Parish Council Elections:

- Mary Martha Thedieck said that she has nine parishioners who are willing to run for election. We will have four vacancies to fill. There was discussion on how to make parish council more visible. It was suggested that council members wear a badge at Mass designating that they are members of parish council.

Men's Ministry:

- Frank deVenoge reported the the men went to the National Shrine last Saturday.

Women's Ministry:

- Kim Hulcher reported that she and Shannon Garbett are chairing the Moon Dance on May 16, and would like the parish council's support in bringing parishioners to it.
- The women's ministry is furnishing meals for the American Boychoir.
- Also they are doing a meal chain for Moose Wiggins who is having neck surgery.

Parish Events Calendar:

- Kay White reported that Kimberly Lapkin said that new functions cannot be put on the calendar monthly. Also the calendar contains much supplemental information that council does not need. Council needs to know of new events that are not part of the regular parish routine. Discussion followed. Christian Barrett suggested that council members get involved in the different parish ministries and then bring the information back to council that way. Each council member would sign up for a ministry and keep in touch with that ministry and then communicate back and forth that way.

Parish Announcements and Pulse of the Parish:

- Msgr. said that Bill Collins was leaving. Discussion followed on having someone in charge of staff and volunteers.
- Discussion on Snowball Lane. Needs to be made safer somehow. Could signs be put up? Widened? Should be looked at in its entirety.
- John Smith passed out information on Alpha. Reported that Michael Siewers said that no parish council member has ever been a part of alpha. John Smith volunteered to sign up.
- Kay White asked for an update on Paul Amrhein's Human Concerns ministry. Msgr. said that finances are better because of the monthly second collection. Discussion followed concerning individuals being able to designate exactly where their money will be spent.

The meeting was closed with a prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alicia Meyer
Recording Secretary

Next meeting is Wednesday, April 15 at 7:00 p.m. Speakers will include the directors of Human Concerns Ministry, Parish Communications and Music Ministry.