

MINUTES

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting- September 18, 2010

The St. Bridget Parish Council meeting was called to order by John Smith on Wednesday, August 18, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was opened with a prayer.

Present: John Smith, Charlene Bechely, Joe Jowaisas, Augie Keller, Michael Kozak, Elizabeth Martin, James Melvin, Paul Sinclair, Fr. David Stanfill, Mark Sweeney, Marie Swider, Donna Weber.

Absent: Msgr. William Carr, David Anderson, Tim Corbett, Kay White

WELCOMING COMMITTEE DRAFT: Fr. Stanfill said that Msgr. Carr wanted feedback from Parish Council on the draft. Discussion followed and the final consensus was that the draft be revised. It was suggested that words like “encouraged” be substituted for “required” and that the general tone be more of marketing the benefits of service to the parish. Paul Sinclair offered to make the suggested revisions and Elizabeth Martin agreed to help. Donna Weber said that there was a Welcoming Folder that she will give to Maria Morrison. Welcoming Committee meets August 19.

PARISH CENSUS: Re-registration planned during Masses two weekends in November.

PARISH PLANNING PROCESS: Elizabeth Martin asked if P.C. could have a copy of what is on the agenda for the Parish Planning Process in order to make plans. Mark Sweeney will send to John Smith and he will send out to the P.C. so we can refine our plans. Parish Council can then look back to the PPP goals and determine if things are moving along as necessary.

WE WALK BY FAITH: Handout from Bishop given out. Msgr. Carr wants council to review, fill out Follow-Up Form and get it back to him by Labor Day. Msgr. will send to Bishop. Handout is a self-assessment report by the parish done June 1, 2007. Identifies the strengths, needs, and ways to fulfill those needs of different aspects of the parish. The report concludes with listed plans to be addressed over the next five years.

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Liturgy: Marie Swider

- Parish needs stronger commitment from volunteers for Liturgy assignments. Debbie Stollery will present a four-step program.
- Liturgy Committee is looking for new Lector Coordinator
- Mass Schedule changes Sunday after Labor Day.
- School will have Mass one time a month or each grade level. They are in the process of working through the scheduling process.
- Pipe Organ Fund now has \$500,000 pledged. \$1.2M needed.

COMMITTEE UPDATES: (cont.)

St. Bridget School: Charlene Bechely

- Teachers report to school Monday. Students the next Monday.
- Roof on school has been approved. Working on gym.

Men's Ministry & K of C: Mike Kozak

- Mike said that he had sent out request to Knights to help with the welcoming of parishioners at weekend Masses.

Women's Ministry: Elizabeth Martin offered to be assigned to report on that committee.

OTHER SUGGESTIONS, QUESTIONS, REPORTS:

- **Donna Weber passed out long awaited badges for Parish Council.** Members are to wear them at Mass and at any parish event.
- **Augie Keller** asked if the Welcoming Committee and Census are the leading issues for parish council. Asked if Council has goals for the year.
- **Fr. David Stanfill** said that Mary Townsend was very ill and asked for our prayers.
- **Jim Melvin** reported that Sister Charlotte is off the critical list, has no memory of the accident. Also needs our prayers.
- **Cookie Lewis Concert** scheduled for Oct. 29.
- **Marie Swider** brought up for discussion ways to get the two bare spots in front of church taken care of in some way. Asked John Smith to talk to Building and Grounds Committee.
- **Mike Kozak** said that he had received a complaint about no AC in the crying room in the back of the church.

Respectfully submitted,

Alicia Meyer
Recording Secretary

Next Parish Council Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 15 at 7:00 in the parish center meeting room.