

MINUTES
St. Bridget Church
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
July 18, 2007

The Parish Pastoral Council Meeting was called to order by Bob Burge on Wednesday, July 18, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Monsignor Carr, Carl Barrafato, Bob Burge, Frank deVenoge, Siobhan Dunnavant, Jeff Hamm, Kim Hulcher, Billy Reid, Michael Siewers, Mary Martha Thedieck

Absent: Christian Barrett, Tom Bliley Jr., Michael Kehoe

Other: John McCulla, Seminarian Sean Prince

Michael provided the opening prayer.

Approval of Minutes – June 20, 2007 minutes were approved

Building Committee

John providing the following updates:

- School detailed design – documents have been delivered and the current phase will be wrapped up in six weeks
- Asbestos cleanup underway and will be done in one month
- Church conceptual design is finished with core elements of church program defined
- RFP process is underway to identify and select a construction firm to develop detailed construction plans for the school, along with advising us on the church plan
- Church organ design has been prepared and a visit with key parishioners/committees will likely take place in September
- Capital Campaign team is beginning to focus on development of several items to prepare for fund raising:
 - Development plan
 - Marketing materials
 - Clerical office processes (website, etc.)

- Some initial confirmation of overall concepts is being undertaken with select parishioners for positive feedback
- Next 2-3 months will include developing renderings of the plans, confirming initial estimates, further detailing the church design, and planning out the school building program
- Additional communicating and messaging to our parishioners will be undertaken

A brief discussion followed and Bob thanked John for his report.

Irish Tenor Project Update

John McCulla, chairing the project, noted the following:

- October 24 and 26, 2007 performances are on track
- A project team has been formed
- Ticket sales are underway
- Sponsors are being sought
- Piano is being repaired
- Logistics have begun for light, sound, and platform
- Event advertising is underway
- Planning has started on the reception to follow each performance
- Additional help is needed

We are excited about this parish project which promises to be a very enjoyable two evenings.

Parish Report

Monsignor Carr noted that after observing the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass for the last six months in the commons area, he would like to try to help alleviate distractions by providing a designated area in the back hall near the present nurseries. A row of wooden benches would be provided where parents with restless children can leave the commons and sit. These benches would be installed along the brick wall area and a new 42" flat panel screen would video Mass. During the week this screen can be used for parish news, etc. Presently there are three bulletin boards and the plan would be to have one have child-friendly art items for the toddlers to see. The approximate

cost of this project would be \$4,000. Jeff said he would donate the flat panel screen. Council was in unanimous favor of Monsignor's proposal.

Monsignor reported that Wendy Wood has been hired part time as special assistant to the pastor. She will work 3-4 hours per day.

Two small racks of votive lights were purchased by Ann and Ray Cullen as a donation to the parish to be installed near each side altar.

St. Bridget Church 60th Anniversary

Monsignor would like to establish a committee in the next few months to plan events around the May, 2009 anniversary. He noted a new parish directory is also in the planning stage.

At this time Siobhan left the meeting.

Parish Life

Michael announced that the 10-week *Alpha* program will be held on Wednesday nights this year, starting September 26 through November 28. He encouraged all to attend and consider others who might be interested in signing up for the fall session.

Sunday, August 26th a Q&A session will be held following the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Due to the enormous success of *Alpha*, two homes will be used this year to host each event. As a result of this project, one new attendee has donated an anonymous full tuition scholarship for one student to attend St. Bridget School.

Michael thanked council for its support of this worthwhile project.

Women's Ministry

Kim noted the name chosen for the ministry is "Full of Grace" and the first official meeting will be in September; subsequent meetings will be held quarterly. A calendar will be drawn up to discuss different ways our parish women can become further involved in church

activities. Advertising will begin soon as this project has generated a lot of enthusiasm in continuing God's work.

Parish Announcements

- ❖ Knights of Columbus parish chapter meets the fourth Thursday of each month and is seeking members. Carl noted the recent events in which our chapter supported larger ones with their projects. He was congratulated on his group's enthusiasm.

Bob noted that Seminarian Sean Prince will be leaving in August and on behalf of council wished him well in his future endeavors.

Michael gave the closing prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Submitted by
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Recording Secretary