

MINUTES

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting—September 16, 2009

The St. Bridget Parish Council meeting was called to order by Chairman, Frank deVenoge on Wednesday, September 16, 2009 at 7:00p.m. Billy Reid opened the meeting with a prayer.

Present: Msgr. Carr, Frank deVenoge, David Anderson, Tom Bliley, Charlene Bechely, Ray Honeycutt, Joe Jowaisas, Fr. Matthias, Kristin Palumbo, Billy Reid, John Smith, Mark Sweeney, Marie Swider, Donna Weber, Kay White. Sean Prince.

Absent: Tim Corbett, Kim Hulcher
The minutes of the July meeting were approved.

School Building Project:

- Ray Honeycutt reported that the Bishop came today and blessed the building at a very happy event.
- Opening week of school went very smoothly.
- Attendance projected at 472 pupils.
- Very pleased with contracting company. Very responsive to any glitches.

Welcome Committee & Employee Transition:

- Msgr. Carr said the school building project is one of easiest building projects he has participated in his 40 years. School looks like a new building! Many volunteer hours from parishioners made a huge impact. Will evaluate fund raising.
- Thank you to Tim and Hunter Cook who reorganized the Welcoming Committee. They are stepping down after 2 years and Maria & Paul Morrison have taken over.
- Bill Collins has resigned. His job has been split into 3 parts: Kimberly Lapkin will take over supervision of staff and be liaison with Msgr. Carr. Pat Ross hired as Buildings & Grounds manager. Looking for part-time Accountant (20hrs.).
- Children's Liturgy of Word needs additional volunteers. Billy Reid talked about Nursery volunteering. Mandatory volunteer hours were suggested. Discussion followed. Consensus was that mandatory volunteer hours should be expected of the parents using the Nursery and Children's Liturgy of the Word.

Committee Assignments and Discussion:

- Frank said that Parish Council members are asked to reach out to their assigned committee and find out what they are involved in. This will give PC a good pulse of what is happening.
- **Social Concerns:** David Anderson said that he had met w/Paul. Mark Sweeney asked about participation by parishioners in Social Concerns Projects.
- **Stewardship:** Tom Bliley reported that Kimberly Lapkin said that Pledge Weekend will be October 17 & 18. She will need, for all Masses, speakers who are presently e-giving. Parish needs to even out giving throughout the year. Tom Bliley and Joe Jowaisas volunteered.
- The Diocese has increased the percentage they tax our Offertory Collection by 1%.
- Summer Mass schedule went well. Do not know if offertory income was affected.
- **Youth Ministry:** Billy Reid had a report from Katie Skirtich. Confirmation will include tenth graders this year. Life Teen/Edge starts on 9/28/09. Busch Gardens trip 9/26. Youth

from Catholic Heart Workcamp gave reports at all Masses last Sunday. Young Adults in the parish (ages 22-34) needs to be addressed and needs leadership.

- **Music Ministry: Donna Weber** met with Alan Bean. 11/1/09-Brass at all Masses; 11/2/09 String and Candles; Thanksgiving- Men's Choir; 12/5/09- WCVE record and make CD with our Men's choir; 1/22/10- American Youth Harp Ensemble; 2/12/10- American Boy's Choir (tentative).
- **Old Saints & Sinners: Donna Weber** reported that Ray Honeycutt will be guest speaker at October meeting. End of October- trip to Quantico Musuem; Thanksgiving luncheon in November; December afternoon get together.
- **Communications: Kay White** reported that Jennifer Sperberg has now listed "On the Horizon" in bulletin, The Bridge, and on line.
- **Religious Programs: John Smith** reported on attending an Alpha meeting. Also reported on two scripture studies starting in September: "Adventure in Acts" starting 9/24/09 for 20 weeks, and "First Corinthians" starting 9/24/09 for 10 weeks.
- **School:** First of all, Frank thanked Charlene for her untiring work for the school this past year. Charlene said that "it was well worth it!" **Charlene Bechely** reported that two St. B. teachers were selected for serving on the Diocese's Council of Master Curriculum. The River Roast, the main fund raiser for the school, is scheduled for Oct. 3. She was pleased as to how smoothly the opening of the 2009-2010 school year went.

Parish Council Goals for 2009-2010:

Father Matthias suggested that the Parish Council set down in writing goals for the current year. After discussion, Frank asked each Parish Council member, after prayerful thought, **to email him any goals you would like to see PC to consider.** These goals can be in conjunction with the ministries you are assigned to, or in addition to.

The meeting was closed with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Alicia Meyer,
Recording Secretary

Next Meeting is Wednesday, October 21, 2009 in the PCMR. Please remember two things:

- 1. Email suggestions for goals you would like to see considered to Frank or bring them to the meeting.*
- 2. If you need your picture taken for PC wall—come camera ready!*