

**MINUTES**  
**Parish Pastoral Council Meeting, April 21, 2010**

The St. Bridget Parish Council Meeting was called to order by Frank deVenoge on Wednesday, April 21, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. John Smith opened the meeting with a prayer.

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

**Absent:** David Anderson, Kristin Palumbo, Billy Reid, Kay White

The minutes of the February meeting were approved.

Msgr. Carr announced the death of Kay White's mother.

**Mary Martha Thedieck** (former Council member) attended the meeting to inform council about the need to redo the kitchen in the Parish Center. Mary Martha showed council members problem areas: Old stoves need to be replaced to make more counter space, rearranging of cabinets, need for additional shelves and the use of shelves in hall. Also discussed was the use of other parish spaces which could be made available to various groups.

**Don Delaney**, guest speaker and head of Liturgy Committee spoke of the need for the Liturgy Committee to establish goals and objectives. Meetings now seem to center around "no shows" and problems. Meeting scheduled for May 4 to establish values, goals and the attitude of wanting to serve. Don said that by March 2011, all liturgy will be revised and St. Bridget will adapt according to the new requirements.

Debbie Stollery has been hired as an advisor to help form a solid working plan. Committee is anxious to find a way to connect the parishioners from the six different Masses. Committee is also updating Liturgy volunteer list in order to have a more effective group of volunteers. Committee is also investigating better usage of software for all involved.

**Kim Hulcher** brought up use of church TV for advertising . She also said committees should share needs with all and make all aware of future events.

**Msgr. Carr** reported that Easter was the best—all worked together.

**Parish Council Elections:** Will be held on May 15 & 16 at all Masses. There are six nominees thus far. Counting of ballots will be 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Sunday. All council members are asked to be present. Sign up sheet for collection of ballots at Masses was passed for members to sign to volunteer. Sample ballot will be presented the weekend of May 7 & 8. Name badges will be available for all council members.

**Parish Planning:** Next meeting is 5/5/2010. Goal—facilitate goals of March meeting.

**Pulse of the Parish:**

- Letter about Snow Sundays and cost of snow removal brought in approx. \$30,000.
- Fr. Matthias said he thought a suggestion box could be useful once again.
- Monsignor's sermon on Sunday discussing the misinformation and critics of the Church and the priests' scandals was well received.
- It was stressed that Parish Council participate in all parish events and functions. Marie Swider suggested we sign up for parish events each month at PC meeting. This was done right then and there.
- Council discussed changing events welcoming new parishioners to every month rather than 3 times a year.

**COMMITTEE UPDATES:****Liturgy: Donna Weber**

- Boys Choir was great success.

**Seniors: Donna Weber**

- Saints and Sinners and St. Bridget School are co-sponsoring an Art/Craft Show on Friday, May 7. Parishioners and students are encouraged to share their talents.
- St. Bridget Saints and Sinners will host a group from St. Bede on May 19. Mass at 11:00a.m., followed by a luncheon.

**St. Bridget School: Charlene Bechely**

- Bulldog Race and Carnival will be held on May 1.
- May 3 is May Procession.
- May Concert will be held at 7:00 p.m. 5/20/2010 and also on the following morning.
- Funds of the April 23 School Spirit Day will be donated to Blackwell Elementary School.

**Women's Ministry: Kim Hulcher**

- Barbara Walsh, daughter-in-law of LeLe & Jack Cummings) will have concert on 6/18 at 8p.m. at St. Bridget.
- Bulletins from other parishes are being studied in order to look to improve our bulletin.
- Present Parish Phone System questioned.
- Yearly fund-raising event requiring parish participation suggested by Kim. (something similar to Greek Festival). Kim will look into it.

Msgr. named the priests residing in the rectory: Msgr. Erwin from Catholic U in May; Fr. Michael Boehling; Fr. Currin (weekdays)

The meeting was closed with at prayer at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Alicia Meyer

(A great big Thank You to Donna Weber who took down the minutes for me.)

**Next Parish Council Meeting: Wednesday, May 19, 2010 at 7:00 p.m in PCMR**