

MINUTES

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting, November 18, 2009

The Saint Bridget Parish Council meeting was called to order by John Smith on Wednesday, November 18, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was opened with a prayer.

Present: Msgr. Carr; David Anderson, Tom Bliley; Charlene Bechely; Tim Corbett; Kim Hulcher; Joe Jowaisas; Fr. Matthias; Sean Prince Billy Reid; John Smith; Mark Sweeney; Marie Swider; Donna Weber; Kay White.

Absent: Frank deVenoge; Kristin Palumbo

Landscaping Initiative:

- **Marie Swider** met with various vendors and gave the following report. There are short term, mid and long term needs. The short term needs are the front and side areas. Need to address short term for the holidays. Then talk about how far to go in the future.
- Long term needs may require tearing up of driveway in front of church and installing an irrigation system. Irrigation system would cost approximately \$10,000.
- Other areas, i.e. areas between St. Stephens and St. Bridget and area on Three Chopt, have also been looked at. Discussion followed on how to handle those areas.
- Marie has gotten quotes on the two areas in front of church. They will not be expensive. It was suggested that we do those two areas now before the holidays.

Strategic Planning:

- Msgr. would like to get Finance Council and Parish Council together to discuss direction for physical plant and human needs also. He has a facilitator for the meeting. We could look at the drawing again and see what we want to do.

Christmas Planning:

- **Kim Hulcher** reported that the Santa breakfast is scheduled for Dec. 5. Plans for Christmas liturgy are being formulated by Allen Bean and Trish Markow.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Stewardship: Tom Bliley

- Tom asked if he and Joe Jowaisas should go in front of parish again and give gentle reminder. Kimberly Lapkin reported that pledges are \$85,000 behind last year.
- Fr. Matthias said that the reported number of families in the parish is incorrect. Need more accurate numbers. Should be put on agenda to get accurate count of parishioners.

Youth Ministry: Sean Prince

- Programs going well. Good volunteers. Heart Work Camp has 117 going this next year.

Youth Ministry (cont.)

- Confirmation going well.
- Search Committee for new Youth Minister being formed.

Men's Ministry: Mark Sweeney

- Octoberfest went well. 50 to 60 men attended.
- Men's choir will sing Thanksgiving morning, Dec. 8 and Christmas.
- Bible Study group going well also.

Women's Ministry: Kim Hulcher

- Morning of Recollection for Women will be held on Jan. 6 at the Chapel of the Comboni Missionary Sisters.
- An in-house Retreat will be held for the women of the parish on February 27, 2010. Fr. Michael Renninger will speak.
- A Chaplain with Bon Secours will share her journey with the women.

Communications: Kay White

- Kay looked into the book which previously had been given to new parishioners. That book has been replaced and is no longer used.

Music Ministry and Saint and Sinners: Donna Weber

- Tomorrow is Thanksgiving program for Seniors. Msgr. Carr will speak.
- Donna has been part of the Alpha program. She said that the program has been great and that tomorrow will be their closing dinner.

St. Bridget School: Charlene Bechely

- Eighth graders will visit St. Gertrude's and Benedictine to look at those schools for the coming year.
- Spirit Day is next Friday. It will be dedicated to Christmas Sharing. Both the children and the faculty are sponsoring families.
- Christmas Concert is December 10 (evening) and Dec. 11 (morning).
- During this "Year of the Priest" the children have 10-12 priests that they pray for each day. They also pray for vocations.
- The two unassigned Spirit Days are going to be dedicated to Fr. Matthias' school and the Catholic Heart Work Camp.
- School is getting roof and gutter estimates.

Christmas Meeting: An email will be gotten out about when and where.

Respectfully submitted,

Alicia Meyer
Recording Secretary

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 20, 2010 at 7:00 in PCMR.