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Parish Pastoral Council Meeting-- July 16, 2008

The Parish Pastoral Council Meeting was called to order by Christian Barrett on Wednesday, July 16, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Monsignor Carr, David Anderson, Christian Barrett, Charlene Bechley, Tom Bliley, Tim Corbett, Deacon David Cupps, Kim Hulcher, Father Matthias Lusembo, Billy Reid, John Smith, Donna Weber, Kay White

Absent: Frank de Venoge, Jeff Hamm, Mary Martha Thedieck.

Christian Barrett opened the meeting with a prayer.

Pulse of the Parish

- Deacon David said that he was impressed with the enthusiasm of the parish during the summer months. Said that it is a good sign of life in the parish.
- Charlene Bechley reported that the Vacation Bible School is up and running very smoothly. There are over 100 children enrolled this year. Filled to capacity. It seems very well run and organized.
- Kim Hulcher reminded us of the Parish Blood Drive to be held on Sunday, July 27. The Women's Ministry will be on hand to help out.

Building and Development Updates:

- Christian Barrett informed us that interviews are continuing for the position of Development Director. Matt Abraham will meet with him tomorrow to update him on the progress.
- C. Barrett also reported that the Feasibility Study with Tom Burke continues. Also, the Zip Code Meetings have slowed down in the summer months and attendance is down. This is to be expected because of vacations.

Parish Community Update:

- Charlie Giovannetti is meeting with Hilary Hendricks to review current plans regarding parish needs/development.
- Kim Hulcher reported that the different Parish Life Zip Code Groups are regrouping for the fall.

Parish Information/Review:

- Christian Barrett reported that Alpha is expanding to include a Post Alpha group. The two groups will eat dinner together, and then break away for separate videos

and discussions. Alpha meets once a week starting 9/11/08 and will continue for 10 weeks.

- The Young Adult Ministry will meet on 7/28/08 at St. Bridget. Father Michael Renninger will discuss: “Is Jesus a Democrat or a Republican?”
- Charlene Bechley heard from Paul McFadden who represents the Order of Hiberians. Mr. McFadden would like to speak at the Masses at St. Bridget. Charlene will forward information to Msgr. Carr.
- Christian Barrett gave each member in attendance a number of handouts which included:
 - ✓ **Parish Council Duties and Responsibilities**
 - ✓ **Parish Pastoral Council Constitution**
 - ✓ **Census Status (7/2000 thru 6/2006)**
 - ✓ **Survey Results**
 - ✓ **Parish Self-Assessment Report**
 - ✓ **St. Bridget’s Parish History from the beginning to now.**
 - ✓ **Local Area Plan Report Form**
 - ✓ **St. Bridget Building Program – Two Year View**
 - ✓ **St. Bridget Financial Statements for Fiscal Year ending 6/30/08**

Msgr. Carr reported the following:

- The Development Committee has interviewed several good candidates for the Director position.
- **On Development:** We will go in stages. The school will probably be the first phase as it is the easiest to do.
- In order to place our order for the new organ, a deposit of one-half of the cost is required by the end of this month. So far we do not have enough money. If we lose our “place in line,” others will be put in front of us. Msgr. Carr still believes the new organ is a good thing.
- Msgr. Carr, John McCulla, Allen Beane are working hard on getting the organ exactly right for the space at St. Bridget. Msgr. believes we have the right guy and it will be well worth the wait for the new organ.
- Msgr. said that the bishop is putting a cap on borrowing and also on spending. He and Msgr. Carr plan to meet and discuss the development project at St. Bridget.

Tom Bliley moved that the meeting be adjourned. It was seconded. The meeting was adjourned with a prayer.

Next Meeting: August 20, 2008

Respectfully submitted by,

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Recording Secretary

