

MINUTES

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting---May 20, 2009

The St. Bridget Parish Council meeting was called to order by Chairman, Christian Barrett on Wednesday, May 20, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Msgr. Carr, David Anderson, Christian Barrett, Tom Bliley, Charlene Bechely, Tim Corbett, Jeff Hamm, Kim Hulcher, Father Matthias, Billy Reid, John Smith, Mary Martha Thedieck, Donna Weber,

Absent: Frank deVenoge, Kay White

The minutes of the April 15 meeting were approved.

GUEST SPEAKER: Jennifer Sperberg, Director of Communications gave a comprehensive report of her background, her goals and of her specific areas of work at St. Bridget. She stated three areas of work: Level I: The Bridge, the Sunday Bulletin, and electronic emails to the parish. Level II: Special events, projects. Level III: focused on specific partnerships with school, development etc.

Some of her goals are to look at projects and to save money. Believes the “brand” of both St. Bridget school and church are very strong.

Questions: Does she foresee any changes in the near future? Jennifer said that she wants get parishioners directed to the right person when they call. Needs to optimize the phone system. When asked about a parish calendar, Jennifer suggested that the bulletin could have “**A Week at a Glance**”, “**Coming Soon**” categories to direct parishioners more readily to upcoming events. Another area that needs to be addressed is educating parishioners on how to submit and request dates for upcoming events to be put on the calendar. Jennifer also said that she wants parish council to share their thoughts with her.

Parish Council Updates:

Election Update: Reported by Mary Martha Thedieck

- Four new council members were elected: Marie Swider, Joe Jowaisas, Mark Sweeney, Kristin Palumbo.
- MMT said that there should not be a second collection on parish council election weekend as it is too confusing. She has already noted this and reserved the weekend for parish council elections on the 2010 calendar.
- Kim Hulcher moved that Mary Martha Thedieck head up the 2010 election. It was seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Stewardship: Reported by Billy Reid

- 1.4M in pledges for 2009/2010 FY. This is \$42,000 more than last year.
- YTD \$9600 income over expenses. More people e-giving.
- Income YTD for fiscal year 2008/2009 is 1.3M.

Youth Ministry:

- Confirmation was success. Katie thanks PC for their presence.
- There will be two mission trips this summer, Knoxville and Pittsburg. Selling donuts @ Father's Day masses to raise more funds.
- Life Teen/Edge coming to end for school year. 70 registered, 40-50 attend.
- Edge 100 registered; 80 attend. Successful first year for Life Teen/Edge.

Women's Ministry: Reported by Kim Hulcher

- Moon Dance good event. Covered Expenses.
- Boys Choir went well.

Music Ministry: Reported by Donna Weber

- No report on Music Ministry at this time.
- Old Saints and Sinners had speaker on hospice in May—excellent. Fall meeting will be a trip to Quantico.

Social Concerns Ministry: Reported by David Anderson

- Suggests that we put Paul Amrhein on the schedule for September PC meeting.
- Need better communications w/HC so that parishioners know which ministries the parish is involved in, and how the parishioners' money is being spent.
- Human Concerns needs to be more visible. Discussion followed.

Building and Development: Reported by Christian Barrett

- Present Cost: 3.8M. Cash shortfall \$65,000. \$9000 short in pledges.
- Discussion on asbestos cost.

Finance Updates: Reported by Christian Barrett

- New budget show finances will be tight for 2009/2010 FY. Not much reserve. Need summer collections to be good..

School Principal: Reported by Charlene Bechely

- Ongoing search in final stages. Committed to finding the best person.

June Meeting will be a cookout. Place to be announced. Newly elected members will be invited.

Msgr. Carr reminded us of his 40th Anniversary Mass and reception on August 8 at 11:00 Mass. He asked parish council to be responsible for putting on the lunch.

Msgr. also reminded us of the new summer Mass Schedule. Saturday 5:30 p.m., Sunday: 8:00a.m., 10:00a.m., 12:00noon. And 5:00.p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alicia Meyer
Recording Secretary

