

MINUTES

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting—September 17, 2008

The St. Bridget Parish Council Meeting was called to order by Christian Barrett on Wednesday, September 17, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. Billy Reid opened the meeting with a prayer.

Present: Msgr. Carr, Christian Barrett, Tom Bliley, Charlene Bechely, Tim Corbett, Frank deVenoge, Kim Hulcher, Billy Reid, John Smith, Mary Martha Thedieck, Donna Weber, Kay White.

Absent: David Anderson, Jeff Hamm (excused)

The minutes of the August meeting were approved.

Guests:

Maureen Stengle spoke about the upcoming River Roast, to be held October 4 at Tredegar Iron Works. She encouraged us to help publicize this event.

Wayne Slough was introduced as new Director of Development. He stated that he weighed the decision well before accepting the position. He stressed parish need, answered questions, and shared his goals.

Building and Development:

- The meeting with the Bishop for his approval and our “go ahead” is scheduled for Thursday, October 2, 2008.
- School funding (3.6 million) has begun. About one-third has been raised.
- New Organ: Pledges for the total cost are needed before construction begins.
- Msgr. Carr expressed concerns about fund raising and reaching our goals. Kim Hulcher asked about a “face book” to contact others for their financial support. Frank deVenoge explained a “face book”.
- Mary Martha Thedieck suggested a phonathon.
- Msgr stressed parish and local areas should come first and stated that all aspects are possibilities. He also discussed feedback on his pulpit talks.

Parish Community Update:

- Donna Weber gave an update on the Irish Tenor Concert. Christian Barrett suggested varying our venues. All agreed

School Opening Update:

- Charlene Bechely reported on the “Back to School Nights” and the Youth Rally. The theme was, “Because He is here, we are”.

School Opening Update (cont.)

- Progress reports go out September 19. Bulletin is now online, a new use of their technology. They also have a new website.

Parish Announcements:

- Msgr. Carr announced that Jeff Hamm was excused due to his mother’s illness.
- Kim Hulcher: Women’s Ministry shawls were successful
- Christian Barrett commented on the success of the School’s Opening Mass.
- Msgr. asked about the needs of the Council especially from the new members. Jennifer has taken over communication, does The Bridge and the bulletin. She has a new email address: communications@saintbridgetchurch.org.
- Kim Hulcher suggested that we send a Mass card to Paul Amrhein on the death of his mother.
- A Mass card was also sent to Msgr. Carr on the death of his bother-in-law.
- Kim Hulcher also suggested that ways of getting involved be made available to parishioners. Web site is complete.
- Tom Bliley stressed the need to notify Alicia or Christian with items for the Parish Council agenda.
- Monsignor said the the First Communion changes have been well accepted. He also said that John McCulla will make a presentation to the Bishop at the meeting on October 2. Msgr. commented that we still need that first big gift.
- Christian Barrett explained again what the school aims were, and discussed the bathrooms and pantry.
- Kim Hulcher announced that the School Development Director’s office is located in the school library.

Msgr. closed the meeting with a prayer at 8:00 p.m.

The next Parish Council meeting is **Wednesday, October 15, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Alicia Meyer
Recording Secretary

I wish to thank Donna Weber for taking the minutes for me in my absence. Great job, Donna!

