

# MINUTES

## Parish Pastoral Council Meeting—April 15, 2009

The St. Bridget Parish Council meeting was called to order by Frank deVenoge on Wednesday, April 15, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Msgr. Carr, David Anderson, Tom Bliley, Charlene Bechely, Frank deVenoge, Kim Hulcher, Father Matthias, Billy Reid, John Smith, Mary Martha Thedieck, Donna Weber, Kay White

Absent: Christian Barrett, Tim Corbett, Jeff Hamm, Charlene Bechely

### Music Ministry

- Allen Bean gave a report and a handout on the Music Ministry at St. Bridget's. Included in the handout were the following:
- Short term and long term goals
- List of staff and the different choirs.
- Music Ministry: Its assets and its challenges.
- Recent events and events planned for the near future.
- How we can help.

Parish Council members thanked Allen and told him how good the music was both on Easter Sunday and at the Vigil Easter Saturday. It was suggested that the noon Sunday Mass could benefit from more music and perhaps a special group of singers.

### Building and Development

- John McCulla gave report on the progress of the school building project.
- More wiring than expected is to be replaced in the ceiling
- Asbestos issue found around windows (in plaster). The level of asbestos is not alarming, but it is not allowable. Discussions are ongoing by builder and building committee on how to solve problem in the time allotted for the job.
- Asbestos problem will add \$200,000 - \$250,000 to cost of job.

### Human Concerns Ministry

- Paul Amrhein reported that the generosity of parishioners in the monthly second collection has put them in the black and he is grateful. He submitted his budget.
- In answer to question as to why Catholic Charities gets the biggest percentage of the budgeted money, Paul answered that CC has the resources and knowledge to provide help more efficiently.
- Paul plans to re-advertise the Neighbor to Neighbor program. Also plans to highlight a different ministry in The Bridge each month.
- Suggested that announcement be made at beginning of Mass when there is a second collection for Human Concerns Ministry.
- Suggested the HC budget be shared with parish so parishioners will see where their money is helping.
- Another suggestion was that this is a good time to highlight HC ministry before parish and ask for both time and money.

### **Staff Compensation:**

- Discussion on a 2% salary increase for St. Bridget staff. Diocese is freezing salaries, but leaving parishes free to decide how to handle in each individual parish.
- Finance Council says we have the money
- Parish Council voted that we go ahead with the 2% salary increase for staff.

### **Parish Council Reports:**

- **Building and Development:** Frank deVenoge reported that school had received a \$35,000 grant from Sun Trust. Several other grants are in the works.
- \$700,000 is still needed. A phonathon to parishioners is scheduled for May 12, 13 & 14.
- Meeting with neighbors next week about school renovation
  
- **Election Update:** Mary Martha Thedieck reported that there are 10 candidates running for election to Parish Council.
- John Smith, Donna Weber, Frank deVenoge and Billy Reid signed up to count votes on May 17 at 6:30. Mary Martha will provide refreshments.
  
- **Youth Ministry:** Billy Reid reported that 117 young people will be confirmed at St. Mary's Church on April 29.
- Fund raisers going well for Mission trips
- Msgr. Carr suggested that parish council members attend confirmation ceremony. Frank said that he would make up name tags for PC members.
  
- **Women's Ministry:** Kim Hulcher said that the new ministry of welcoming new babies by bringing a meal to the new moms has been very successful.
- New bible study starting next week
- Moon Dance scheduled for May 16. A lot of advertising will be forth coming.
- Reported on the cars parked on Snowball Lane and will continue to monitor it.
  
- **Men's Ministry:** Frank reported that the meetings each month are growing. Men trying to help funding of Moon Dance.
  
- **Religious Programs:** John Smith reported that he attended an Alpha group. There were 60 people involved and looking to expanding. Good group.
  
- **Communications:** Kay White looking to see if new scheduling software is available.
  
- **Human Concerns:** David Anderson said Paul Amrhein gave report.

Msgr. Carr said that he is planning a Mass and reception on August 8 at 11:00 am in celebration of his 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the priesthood.

Father Matthias reported that May 3 is Vocations Sunday. Adoration for vocations will be on May 2.

Respectfully submitted,

Alicia Meyer

**Next meeting will be Wednesday, May 20, 2009 at 7:00 pm**

