

PASTORAL COUNCIL

MINUTES of MEETING

For

July 12, 2007

John Jacobs called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M. and opened with a prayer. The following council members were in attendance:

John Jacobs
Greg Herbek
Larry Driscoll
Wade Simpson
Gerry Shook
Bruce Sansom
Joe Barber
Mike Stewart
Jim McLaughlin

The following members were excused:

Msgr. Charles Troncale
Lois Miller
Joe Scanlan
Linda Anderson

John Jacobs initiated the meeting by recognizing the newly elected members to the Pastoral Council. Bruce Sansom, Jim McLaughlin, Mike Stewart and Gerry Shook were welcomed and introductions were made by all those present.

Reading of the Minutes

The minutes for the meeting of May 10, 2007, were reviewed. Joe Barber made a motion to accept the minutes. Jim McLaughlin provided a second. There were no changes offered. The motion passed with no opposition.

Old Business

Bruce Sansom provided a status report to the council concerning the potential acquisition of Dr. Howell's property. Bruce stated that he would provide a copy of Dr. Howell's initial offer to the new members of the council. Bruce also reported that the offer was being reviewed by a real estate attorney. Bruce advised that Msgr. Troncale was interested in obtaining an appraisal of the property and that parishioner Rae Reilly would be assisting with this effort. Bruce stated that once the necessary information was obtained a counter-proposal would be formulated for the council's review.

John Jacobs continued the meeting by initiating a discussion regarding the procedures for the Pastoral Council elections. Mike Stewart asked if the elections would be affected since the council's constitution had not been approved. John Jacobs stated that it would be proper to proceed with the elections. With nine members voting, the results of the Pastoral Council elections for 2007 were as follows:

Chairman	John Jacobs	7 votes
Vice Chairman	Greg Herbek	6 votes
Secretary	Wade Simpson	5 votes

The meeting continued with John Jacobs leading a discussion and review of the Constitution of the Church of the Holy Spirit Pastoral Council. John commented that the last time the constitution was approved was ten years ago. The council reviewed each article. Proposed changes, corrections and clarifications were considered and approved by the council. John Jacobs indicated that he would make the corrections and changes. He stated that he would ask Msgr. Troncale to review.

John Jacobs continued with a status report concerning the parish's fund raising efforts with the Walsh group. John stated that he was aware that Msgr. Troncale had mailed a letter to the Walsh group accepting their proposal to conduct a feasibility study. John hoped to have additional information to share with the council at the next scheduled meeting.

New Business

John Jacobs initiated a discussion regarding the council's meeting schedule for the remainder of 2007. The council considered and approved meeting dates of August 9, September 13, October 11, November 8 and November 29. John stated that he would contact Karen Franklin to reserve the parish conference room for these dates.

Larry Driscoll voiced a concern regarding the budget and the budget process for the parish. He stated there was a vital need for an operating surplus of funds. He noted a concern about a decrease or drop in the parish's surplus. John Jacobs stated that this concern and issue can be addressed to the Finance Council during the impending budget process.

Greg Herbek provided a brief report concerning the efforts of the Stewardship Committee. He stated that the committee was composed of a good group of dedicated and enthusiastic people. Greg indicated that he would provide a more detailed report at a later meeting that would include the committee's efforts to establish an event coordinator's position. This would be a paid position and would require approval by the council.

With no additional business before the council, Mike Stewart made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bruce Sansom provided a second. The motion was passed. A prayer was offered by John Jacobs and the meeting was concluded at 8:51 PM.

The council will reconvene on Thursday, August 9, 2007, at 7:00 PM in the Parish Conference Room.

Wade Simpson
Secretary, Parish Council