

# PASTORAL COUNCIL

## MINUTES of MEETING

For

February 22, 2007

John Jacobs called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M. and Msgr. Troncale opened with a prayer. The following council members were in attendance:

Msgr. Charles Troncale  
Linda Anderson  
John Jacobs  
Greg Herbek  
Joe Scanlan  
Bruce Sansom  
Lois Miller  
Larry Driscoll  
Wade Simpson  
John Veres

Joe Barber, Monica Glover and Larry Neuhoff were excused.

Also in attendance were special guests Dr. Faustin Weber, Ms. Karen Heymann and Mr. Brett Wilkinson.

### **Old Business**

John Jacobs advised the council that the meeting would begin with a presentation by each guest and would conclude with a question and answer period. Msgr. Troncale introduced each guest to the council. Dr. Faustin Weber is the principle and president of Catholic School. Ms. Karen Heymann is the president of the Unified Montgomery Catholic School Board. Mr. Brett Wilkinson is a member of the school board. Msgr. Troncale advised the council that each guest would present information regarding the joining of the St. Bede School with the Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School (MCPS).

Dr. Faustin Weber presented an overview of the structure of the MCPS system. He also led a discussion of topics that included the everyday operations of the

school, tuition, expenses, staffing, etc. There was a general discussion concerning specific questions that might arise regarding the construction, enrollment and tuition for the proposed school at Holy Spirit. John Jacobs inquired as to the responsibility of hiring the School's staff. Dr. Weber stated that in his role as president, he would be responsible for hiring a principal and the principal would then hire the teaching staff. Larry Driscoll asked about the funding for current projects at the St. Bede School. Dr. Weber stated that the MCPS was responsible for the cost of the projects, not the parish. Bruce Sansom asked if the parish would be responsible for a portion of any improvements since the proposed facilities would also be used with the parish's religious education program. Dr. Weber stated that an agreement between the MCPS and Holy Spirit would have to be made regarding any sharing of expenses.

Karen Heymann provided specific information about the St. Bede School program. She stated that the elementary school currently has fifty students per grade. She advised that the tuition was approximately forty percent less than the other private schools in Montgomery. She expressed a concern that the tuition should not be cost prohibitive for Catholic families. Ms. Heymann emphasized that her concern was for the overall success of the MCPS system. She stated that one of her goals was to have the MCPS elementary provide ninety percent of the students for the middle school. Bruce Sansom asked if Holy Spirit would be able to charge a higher tuition than St. Bede. Ms. Heymann stated that the school board had not discussed specific issues concerning an elementary school located at Holy Spirit. She did express concern that a "step-child" campus not be created.

The discussion continued with questions and comments concerning other areas of concerns that might be addressed by the members of our parish. The special guests concluded their presentations at 8:35 PM. The council expressed their appreciation for their attendance and participation.

### **Reading of the Minutes**

John Jacobs continued the meeting with the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting. Lois Miller made a motion to accept the minutes. John Veres provided a second. There was no discussion and the motion passed with no opposition.

### **Old Business (continued)**

John Jacobs continued with the old business items on the meeting's agenda. He reminded the council of the Meager Meal scheduled for Friday, February 23, after the 6:30 PM Stations of the Cross. He reviewed the list of council members that would be assisting with soup, bread, cleaning, etc.

John Jacobs advised the council that he had discussed the request by Family Promise of Montgomery, Inc., for Holy Spirit to host the "Cardboard City of

Montgomery 2007” homeless families project with Monica Glover. Monica Glover informed John Jacobs that there would be chaperones present. She advised him that Family Promise of Montgomery, Inc., was requesting the use of the electrical outlets at Holy Spirit. Bruce Sansom made a motion to table this topic until the next meeting. Wade Simpson provided a second. There was a brief discussion about liability insurance for this event. The motion passed with no opposition.

John Jacobs suggested that the report by the subcommittee concerning possible questions about the Master Site Plan be deferred to a later time. Greg Herbek stated that substantial progress had been made in consolidating the subject material. Larry Driscoll made a motion to delay the discussion until the next meeting. John Veres provided a second. There was no further discussion. The motion passed with no opposition.

John Jacobs initiated a discussion concerning our parish’s response to the Archdiocesan Pastoral Council questionnaire. Specific information was provided to John Jacobs to assist him in preparing a written response. Bruce Sansom added that the new Archbishop be aware of the need to be more visible in the Montgomery area. John Veres agreed.

Bruce Sansom provided an update concerning the potential acquisition of the Howell property that adjoins the parish’s property. Bruce Sansom stated that a meeting had occurred with the owner. He stated that Harry Morris of the Long Range Planning Committee was in attendance. He advised the council that further information would be presented at a later date which would include a rough draft proposal from Dr. Howell.

With no additional business before the council, John Veres made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Wade Simpson provided a second. The motion was passed. A prayer was offered by Msgr. Troncale and the meeting was concluded at 9:30 PM.

The council will reconvene on Thursday, March 8, 2007, at 7:00 PM in the Parish Conference Room.

Wade Simpson  
Secretary, Parish Council