

PASTORAL COUNCIL

MINUTES of MEETING

For

January 11, 2007

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

Linda Anderson
John Jacobs
Greg Herbek
Joe Barber
Bruce Sansom
Joe Scanlan
Lois Miller
Monica Glover
Larry Neuhoff
Larry Driscoll
Wade Simpson

Also in attendance was Msgr. Charles Troncale.

Reading of the Minutes

John Jacobs asked if everyone had received a copy of the minutes for the November 16, 2006, meeting that was sent by e-mail. A copy was provided to those who had not. After reviewing the minutes, the council offered no corrections. Joe Barber made a motion to accept the minutes. Lois Miller provided a second. There was no discussion. The motion was passed.

New Business

John Jacobs advised the council that he would like to begin the meeting with items considered new business. The council agreed and moved forward with new business.

John Jacobs advised the council that Janet Beard had resigned from her position as Kitchen Coordinator. The council discussed specific issues concerning this

position and its responsibilities, including the need for temporary assistance until a replacement for Ms. Beard is obtained. Larry Neuhoff asked that the council express its appreciation for the services and efforts of Janet Beard. The council unanimously agreed.

The council entered into a discussion concerning potential plans for future expansion and growth in addition to the Master Site Plan submitted by the Long Range Planning Committee. The council agreed to consider any information regarding expansion at future meetings.

John Jacobs suggested that the council make every effort to meet once a month as the parish moves forward with specific plans and initiatives such as the Master Site Plan. He stated that monthly meetings would be necessary for the council to properly discuss and render informed decisions regarding these plans and initiatives. Msgr. Troncale advised the council that the architect's color graphic of the Master Site Plan should be ready by January 17 or 18. The council agreed that a meeting in February would be needed. Wade Simpson made a motion to accept the meeting dates as proposed by John Jacobs. Joe Barber offered a second and the motion passed with no opposition.

John Jacobs advised the council that Mary Nell Pecot had requested assistance from the council with the hosting of Meager Meals. Joe Barber stated that the Knights of Columbus would be hosting the meal scheduled for March 23, 2007. Linda Anderson made a motion for the council to provide the soup and bread for the meal scheduled February 23, 2007. Bruce Sansom provided a second and the motion passed with no opposition. John Jacobs added that someone from the council should be named to coordinate the meal. The council agreed to appoint a coordinator at the next meeting.

Msgr. Troncale distributed information from Beth Ann Marra, the director of Family Promise of Montgomery, Inc. Msgr. Troncale reminded the council that our parish is currently sending a contribution to this organization as part of our Social Justice & Charity Outreach Ministry. Family Promise of Montgomery, Inc., has organized an event to raise the awareness of the struggles faced by the homeless families in Montgomery. The event has been titled "Cardboard City Montgomery 2007" and is scheduled for April 27. Beth Ann Marra, a member of our parish, has asked the council to consider hosting this interfaith fundraising event. Monica Glover suggested that this would be an excellent opportunity to raise the awareness of the teenagers of our parish to the serious problems faced by the homeless. The council agreed to conduct more discussion about this request at next month's meeting.

Old Business

John Jacobs distributed a “Project Tasks” listing to the council. This information was provided by the Long Range Planning Committee. John Jacobs stated that this information was not all inclusive, but noted the need for the council to develop a plan for further action now that the Master Site Plan was completed. John Jacobs also provided the council with a “Schematic Area Tabulation” completed by the architect. Msgr. Troncale provided the council with a letter from the Archdiocese of Mobile that detailed the process for capital construction projects. John Jacobs asked the council to begin reviewing this information for discussion at future meetings.

Msgr. Troncale initiated a discussion concerning the presentation of the architect’s color version of the Master Site Plan to the members of our parish. Bruce Sansom stated that someone should make an announcement at each Mass when the drawing is put on display. Msgr. Troncale suggested that the drawing be placed in the parish hall for all to view and ask any questions they may have. Greg Herbek expressed concern that the council should develop a specific plan of action before opening the issue to the members for questions. Larry Neuhoff expressed the need for professionalism in the presentation of the plan. Linda Anderson expressed concern about continuing discussion with the parish about the next step in the process. Linda Anderson offered a motion that the council should be responsible for determining the plan of action that would include the priority and sequence of construction. Larry Driscoll provided a second. There was no further discussion. The motion was passed with no opposition.

Linda Anderson made a motion to allow the council to view the architect’s color version of the Master Site Plan at next month’s meeting before presenting it to the parish. This would allow the council an opportunity to address any concerns that may require additional research. Larry Neuhoff provided a second. The motion passed with no opposition.

Greg Herbek advised the council that he would provide additional information from the Long Range Planning Committee concerning construction issues. Bruce Sansom stated that he would inquire about information from other parishes with similar construction plans, property, projects, models, etc.

With no additional business before the council, Monica Glover made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Joe Barber provided a second. The motion was passed. A prayer was offered by Msgr. Troncale and the meeting was concluded at 8:45 PM.

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

Wade Simpson
Secretary, Parish Council