

# CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

## PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES FOR

### AUGUST 20, 2009

John Jacobs called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

Msgr. Troncale opened the meeting with a prayer. The following were:

**Present:** John Jacobs, Ron Marcelino, Raymond Gueret, Mike Stewart, Gerry Shook, Deacon Wayne Youngman, Rob Barranco and Jim McLaughlin.

**Excused:** Bruce Sansom, Linda Anderson, Harold Dobbs, Arlene Alexander and Jim Gatz

We did not have a quorum – Msgr Troncale stated that the meeting could proceed and the committee could handle the business at hand even without the quorum.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

The minutes were read and approved with minor spelling changes

1. Msgr Troncale announced that Fr. McKenna will be coming to Holy Spirit as a **Senior Priest and Associate Pastor** on Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>. He also informed us that Fr. McCabe, as of August 15<sup>th</sup> was appointed Chaplain of local prisons as well as Marbury. He will be moving into St. Peters rectory. We then discussed possibly having a reception for Fr. McCabe and Fr. McKenna near the end of September.
2. **Building in the Spirit** (BIS) update was that we are still about \$380,000 short of our minimum goal of \$3 million. The committee is still actively soliciting new parishioners as well as those that have not as of yet pledged. A subcommittee is looking into other ways to raise money possibly through grants or foundations. Msgr Troncale will be preparing to get the Archdioceses to participate financially since this will be a regional Catholic division of Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School (MCPS). The B.I.S. committee plans on informing the tri-county area of what we are doing and where we are in the process of our building campaign. We will put inserts in other church bulletins and/or do presentations at other churches.
3. The **Building Committee** is still working on getting the costs of the project down to a number we can afford. They (Jerry Vuovich) are also looking to go visit local banks to see what type of rate they might get if a bank will loan to us. The Building Committee is also researching the financial relationship between the Saint Bede campus of the MCPS and St Bede Church to help us better understand what and how our relationship of Holy Spirit Church and the Holy Spirit campus of the MCPS will work.
4. The **Preschool Program** is still at 14 students. Gerry Shook will make a subcommittee and meet with teachers and parents prior to our next meeting on September 17<sup>th</sup> to discuss the current situation. P.C. recommended at this point we stay with our original plan of the school having to be viable and self sustaining financially to proceed beyond Dec/Jan. Gerry will have a report and recommendations at our next meeting. Msgr also pointed out that Mike Powell (Church Book keeper) as projected that at the current number of enrolment the preschool is on pace to lose \$16,000 if the program continues through the end of the school year as is.
5. Mike Stewart has worked up a form that can **gather information from each ministry** at Holy Spirit so we can better understand our ministries and better help them. He was going to meet with Joan

Plumlee, but she was unavailable since our July meeting. He will try to meet with her prior to our September meeting. Along those lines, father advised us that the stewardship committee will be passing out booklets this upcoming weekend to tell about the many ministries available at Holy Spirit prior to Stewardship Weekend. Mike Stewart made a motion that once a form is established, that it be passed out to all ministry heads to be filled out to help us improve the ministries for the church. Mike Powell is also hoping to get better, more accurate budget requests from ministry chairpersons. We are trying to get more feedback to the council so when it comes time for budgeting, we will have more information to make better decisions on budgets for individual ministries.

6. We received the updated **P.C. Constitution**. Msgr made a few minor changes and the constitution was signed by all members attending the meeting.
7. Mike Stewart worked up a "**church policy**" regarding the selling of goods at the church. Mike will get a copy to all members to review and vote on at the September meeting. There was some discussion about where the policies of the church are kept and a recommendation was made that they be consolidated and put in a central location for easier reference. We will also in the future review our church policy book.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1.** The Archdiocese of Mobile has requested that each parish nominate one non-employee (by the church) parishioner for the **Archdiocesan Christ the King Medal** to be honored as layperson of the year for that parish. This honor will take place in Mobile on Christ the King on November 22. The P.C. decided to handle this "voting" process much like we do for P.C. member nominations. Announcement from the pulpit and nomination ballots in the bulletin. A subcommittee will then review the names and bring them to the next PC meeting to show to Msgr. The Pastor is requested to submit the name of their parish honoree no later than Friday, October 23, 2009 to Rev. Msgr. Farmer. Nominations will be taken the weekend of Sept 12 and 13, 19 and 20. Mike Stewart will handle getting this information out to parishioners.
- 2.** Msgr Troncale received a form from Montgomery Area Council on Aging (MACOA) asking the church if we have any nominees for the **2009 Seniors of Achievement**. Nominations will be accepted through August 28, 2009. The committee made the motion and passed it that the nomination sheets be available in the vestibule for parishioners to take and nominate and mail in themselves to MACOA if they so wish to.
- 3.** Wednesday Sept 9<sup>th</sup> Holy Spirit will hold the "**Blue Mass**" to honor all men and women who work in law enforcement, fire, and the protection of Americans.
- 4.** Finally, Msgr mentioned that the Archbishop has put out a request that he wants some discussion in the local churches regarding the **age of confirmation**. No further discussion was made regarding this.

Closing prayer was said by Msgr Troncale and the meeting was adjourned at 9:15p.m.

Robert Barranco,  
Pastoral Council Recorder