

Church of the Holy Spirit

Pastoral Council Minutes

March 4, 2010

Pastoral Council Attendees: Msgr. Troncale, John Jacobs, Raymond Gueret, Jim Gatz, Arleen Alexander, Jim McLaughlin, Bruce Sansom, and Linda Anderson.

Excused: Ron Marcelino, Rob Barranco.

Absent: Harold Dobbs, Gerry Shook, and Mike Stewart.

Finance Council Attendees: Pat Bartoszewicz, Jerry Vucovich.

Church Office Manager: Mike Powell.

1. Budget 2010 Revision:

Msgr. Troncale explained that the Archdiocese increased the parish tax from 5% to 9% due to the Archdiocese going in the red. It will be effective immediately. The total diocese tax will be 9% plus 1.5%, for the priest retirement fund, ends up being 10.5%. This parish tax increase is retroactive for 2009. A copy of the letter from Archbishop Rodi, dated February 10, 2010, was provided.

The other change will be that the Archdiocese will pick up the tab for The Catholic Week, which will be published every other week. This will save the parish \$12,000.

However, collections for this year are \$40,000 under budget. Msgr. Troncale asked the different ministries to be frugal with their purchases but did not ask for an additional cut of their budget.

Mr. Powell provided a presentation of the revised budget for 2010 with the increase of the parish tax.

Mr. Bruce Sansom made a motion to: leave the budget “as is” and take the \$40,000 out of the surplus funds (currently at approximately \$250,000). Mrs. Linda Anderson seconded the motion. The motion was carried without any opposition.

Confirmation Change:

Archbishop Rodi announced that after consultation with clergy, catechist leaders, and parishioners that the age for Confirmation will be raised to the 11th Grade from the current 8th Grade. We will now have a constant Archdiocese policy; and, it will be a two (2) year preparation class.

2. Building in the Spirit Campaign:

KIA Soul car donation. Msgr Troncale received a letter from Rev. Marcus J. Voss, of St. Bernard’s Preparatory School, in Cullman, Alabama. A copy of the letter, dated February 2010, was provided. The letter stated that this was “the 26th Annual Bloomin’ Festival.” They have successfully held a “Giveaway” rather than a “Raffle” or a “Sweepstakes.” Msgr. Troncale also

discussed the issue with the Archdiocese legal representation on giving away a vehicle.

Mr. Ken Selvaggi has worked successfully with Mr. Dick Brewbaker for the donation of a 2010 KIA Soul car. Having the KIA Soul car as a give-a-way appears to take it out of the game of chance issue. Msgr. Troncale presented the council with a letter to the Building in the Spirit Campaign Committee outlining the rules to follow for the "Giveaway" of the car. It was recommended that the Building in the Spirit Campaign Committee should proceed with the "Giveaway."

Mr. Bruce Sansom made a motion that the Building in the Spirit Campaign Committee should continue as they see fit. Mr. Raymond Gueret seconded the motion. The motion was carried without any opposition.

3. Building Committee Report:

Start of construction of the School. The question of when we can start construction is up to the Archdiocese of Mobile. Mr. Paul McTear is waiting on an answer from the Archdiocese on whether we can borrow the needed funds on a 20-year mortgage; or, are we limited to a 10-year mortgage.

The Finance Council is currently setting aside \$25,000 per month for a mortgage payment based upon the estimated 2010 collections.

The Building Committee, headed by Mr. Brant Hill, is proceeding to get better numbers by requesting more details for construction. It is hoped that construction would start this spring or summer.

Ms. Pat Bartoszewicz and Mr. Jerry Vucovich will be working on a projected school Profit and Loss statement with the mortgage requirement. It was suggested that St. Bede's would be a resource to get this type of information.

4. Reading of the Minutes:

The December 10, 2009 Pastoral Council Minutes were reviewed. Ms. Arleen Alexander made the motion to accept the minutes as written. Mr. Raymond Gueret seconded the motion. The motion was carried without any opposition.

New Business:

Msgr. Troncale announced that those council members whose term of service will be ending this June have in the past been on the Election Committee for the selection of new Pastoral Council members. The Election Committee would be responsible for determining the dates for potential candidates to submit their photographs and resumes for review by the parish members. The Election Committee would also be responsible for determining the dates for the parish elections. The council members that whose term ends this year are: Jim McLaughlin, Bruce Sansom, Gerry Shook, and Mike Stewart.

Next Scheduled Meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 8th at 7:00 p.m.

Raymond Gueret,
Substitute Recorder for Mr. Rob Barranco.