

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES FOR

October 14, 2010

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

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

Present: Ron Marcelino, John Jacobs, Raymond Gueret, Mark Schultz, Rob Barranco, Janet Beard, Linda Anderson, Jim Gatz

Excused: Arleen Alexander, Brian Bonikowski, Ellie Burden

Absent: Harold Dobbs

September minutes were accepted with minor changes with a motion by Raymond Gueret and a second by Mark Schultz. The August minutes were also accepted as they were presented

- 1. Directives for the Finance Council in Preparing 2011 Parish Budget.** John Jacobs received back responses from various ministries (apprx 30 of the 70 ministries in the parish). The councils issue is how to get the balance of the ministries to respond with the survey to help us better advise the Finance Council on the 2011 budget priorities. John asked for a subcommittee to review the recap of the reports from ministries and contact those ministries who have not responded to the survey. Jim Gatz, Janet Beard and Mark Schultz volunteered to try to gather the rest of the information together and compile it so the P.C. would be in a better situation to give the most accurate information as possible to the finance council to prepare the 2011 church budget. The subcommittees goals will be to make recommendations as to the continuation of the particular ministries, as well as correct any information regarding the committee (i.e.: leader, phone numbers, ministries goals, etc). John Jacobs set a deadline of October 22 to get more responses from the other (apprx.) 30 ministries. Mark Schultz noted that the Finance Council is planning on giving the first draft of a budget to the Pastoral Council to review at its November meeting.
- 2. Building Committee Report.** All recommended money saving changes have been given to the architects to finalize so we can send out for our 3 bids. Msgr. Troncale noted that we need to put a deadline on the architects to finish this job. Msgr. also noted that on Monday, October 18 a representative from the Finance Council, Pastoral Council, Building Committee, Building in the Spirit and Msgr. Troncale will meet to make sure everyone is on the same page as far as the phase one project goes. Msgr. noted that he has contacted the Knights of Columbus of America who loan millions of dollars for school and parish projects every year. He also noted that he sent a letter to the Archdiocese reminding them that we have not as of yet received their pledge of \$60,000. It was also noted that the Building in the Spirit Committee was asked to slow down their pursuit of new pledges after the Kia giveaway in July until after the stewardship drive was over. They should be resuming their activities very soon. It was also made known that Denise Katz has been moved out of the Thomas Hall in preparation for it to be taken down when we begin construction. The old conference room has been partitioned and now holds an office for Denise Katz and an office for Kevin Ryan. Along these same lines, Mark Schultz added that the Finance Council has stressed that we as a church must prioritize paying down our debt in all future annual budget plans. Msgr. also pointed out that since we were

going to have a Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School (MCPS) school on our site that anyone interested might want to go to a “speak-out” session regarding a 5-year strategy plan that MCPS is going to hold at several different dates in October. On the 31st, the session will be at Holy Spirit Church.

3. **All Night Adoration on First Fridays.** Msgr. would like to have at least 2 people per hour at a very minimum, but would prefer that this would become a much bigger event at Holy Spirit than just a handful of people.
4. **Pastoral Council Review of the Archdiocese Policy for Pastoral Councils** was tabled until the next meeting.
5. **Christ the King Award.** This year’s recipient is Dennis Weber. He has been a member of Holy Spirit parish since 1991 and has worked for free for the church for 19 years. The award will be given out at the 11:00 a.m. mass on November 21st in Mobile. A recommendation was made that perhaps we should make a place in the gallery where we could also honor the recipients of this award from Holy Spirit with a plaque on the wall.
6. **Stewardship of Time and Talent.** Msgr. Troncale said that 325 households had returned their pledge cards for a total of \$813, 807. This is not even 50% of the parish families. He wanted to thank Jan Florey for taking all of the Time and Talent sheets and distributing them to the various ministry heads.

New Business

- Mark commented that the welcome party for newcomers was very nice and very well put together. Janet noted that the only thing they forgot to do was capture the names and contact information from the new members at this party. Raymond noted that he thought the cleanup crew started a little early, while people were still socializing. It was said that the parish hall must be set up a certain way after each function, and sometimes this is a problem since everyone using the hall may not be physically able to do that. Comments were made that perhaps we need to review this “policy” and that perhaps a ministry could take on the task of setting up and/or breaking down the parish hall after events.

Raymond motioned and Ron seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

The Pastoral Council closed the meeting at 8:45 with a prayer from Msgr. Troncale.

The next Pastoral Council meeting was scheduled for November 4th.

Robert Barranco,
Pastoral Council Recorder