

PASTORAL COUNCIL

MINUTES of MEETING

For

November 6, 2008

John Jacobs called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M. Msgr. Charles Troncale opened the meeting with a prayer. The following members were in attendance:

Msgr. Charles Troncale
Fr. Charles McCabe
John Jacobs
Wade Simpson
Larry Driscoll
Greg Herbek
Bruce Sansom
Mike Stewart
Linda Anderson
Joan Plumlee
Jim McLaughlin
Rob Barranco

Gerry Shook and Joe Barber were excused.

Msgr. Troncale introduced Fr. Charles McCabe. Fr. McCabe has been assigned to our parish as our associate pastor. Fr. McCabe provided a brief introduction about him and shared his enthusiasm with being associated with our parish. The council offered their thanks and gratitude on behalf of our parish.

Reading of the Minutes

The council reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting. Linda Anderson made a motion to accept the minutes. Mike Stewart provided a second. The motion was passed with no opposition.

Old Business

Msgr. Troncale initiated a discussion concerning the potential acquisition of Dr. Howell's property. Msgr. Troncale distributed to the council the October 3 proposal from Dr. Howell in response to our most recent offer. Dr. Howell's correspondence contained two counter proposals. Msgr. Troncale also distributed his letter to the Pastoral and Finance Councils dated October 16. The council entered into a detailed discussion about the counter proposal and the estimate from Mr. Joe Davis to construct an addition to the current priest's residence. Linda Anderson made a motion to reject both proposals from Dr. Howell. Her motion also included an agreement by the council to proceed with the construction of an addition to the priest's residence. Bruce Sansom provided a second. The motion passed with no opposition.

The meeting continued with a discussion about the fund raising campaign to be coordinated by Walsh & Associates. Msgr. Troncale stated that he was pleased with John Mosher's efforts. John Jacobs agreed and stated that Mr. Mosher had been very active. Msgr. Troncale advised that Mr. Mosher had agreed to a "slowing down" of the campaign in response to the present economic concerns. Msgr. Troncale also advised the council that Mr. John Kline had been hired to be the campaign's secretary.

The council then entered into a discussion concerning Phase I of the Master Site Plan and an update of the Building Committee's activities. Bruce Sansom was unable to attend the most recent meeting of the Building Committee, but Msgr. Troncale provided information. He advised the council that the members of the Building Committee have spent considerable time on the details of Phase I of the Master Site Plan. He also advised that the architect David Ford was in the process of completing the design. Msgr. Troncale informed the council that he had a meeting with a representative of Regions Bank about setting up an account to allow the purchase of materials with no sales tax while building a school. Larry Driscoll inquired about the possibility of applying for an exemption of the 5% of our campaign to the archdiocese. Msgr. Troncale stated that he was planning to meet with Archbishop Rodi to discuss this matter.

The council discussed the issue of lighting around the church steps. Bruce Sansom liked the solar lights, but still saw a need for additional lighting for the common areas. Several council members agreed to meet with Msgr. Troncale at the conclusion of the council meeting to inspect the lighting.

Msgr. Troncale advised the council that Mary Conversino had agreed to continue to be the Music Director for our parish.

New Business

John Jacobs initiated a discussion concerning the future of the parish's pre-school program. The discussion was very lengthy and detailed. Larry Driscoll made a motion to discontinue the pre-school program at the end of the 2008-2009 school year. Linda Anderson provided a second. Joan Plumlee commented that the parents need to be notified as soon as possible. John Jacobs reminded the council that expenses would need to be budgeted for the first six months of 2009. At the conclusion of the discussion the motion was passed with no opposition.

The council agreed to continue to table the discussion about the proposed pictorial directory until the spring of 2009.

Msgr. Troncale reported that he had received pledge cards from 469 of the 990 Holy Spirit households totaling \$1,113,595.00.

John Jacobs distributed copies of the first draft of the 2009 budget. He requested that the members of the council review the first draft and advise him of specific questions and concerns by November 13, 2008. The council tentatively set a meeting for November 18, 2008, to review the 2009 budget.

John Jacobs advised the council that no time for the next meeting would be set until he was able to confer with the Finance Council concerning the availability of their representative. John advised that he would inform the council of the next meeting date.

With no additional business before the council, Jim McLaughlin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rob Barranco provided a second. The motion was passed. A prayer was offered by Msgr. Troncale and the meeting was concluded at 8:41 PM.

Wade Simpson
Recorder, Parish Council