

PASTORAL COUNCIL

MINUTES of MEETING

For

March 6, 2008

John Jacobs called the meeting to order at 7:08 P.M. Msgr. Charles Troncale began the meeting with a prayer. The following members were in attendance:

Msgr. Charles Troncale
John Jacobs
Larry Driscoll
Wade Simpson
Greg Herbek
Joe Scanlan
Bruce Sansom
Mike Stewart
Linda Anderson

Joe Barber and Gerry Shook were excused.

Msgr. Troncale introduced a special guest, Mrs. Anne Ceasar. Mrs. Ceasar has thirty-five years of experience in the field of education. She is currently serving as the principal of both the middle and the elementary schools for the Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School System. Msgr. Troncale asked her to attend and offer her insight concerning our parish's plans to move forward with Phase I of the Master Site Plan.

John Jacobs initiated a discussion regarding the specific buildings to be considered with Phase I. John stated that one of our objectives was to provide space for our Sunday religious education program. He reminded the council that we are currently using several classrooms at the Catholic Middle school.

Mrs. Ceasar commented that the council should consider whether to initiate a gradual educational program with only a few grades or a full kindergarten through sixth grade program.

The council entered into a detailed discussion of the anticipated need for a nursery and pre-school program in addition to the educational system. Mrs. Ceasar stated that individuals were looking for stability in a program. She noted that any program should not only offer child care, but should provide instruction and learning.

The council also discussed specific age groups affected by any program. Msgr. Troncale asked if a pre-school program should begin with nine week olds or three year olds. Linda Anderson commented that there would be additional concerns with newborns such as regulations, number of employees, etc.

Mrs. Ceasar commented that the council should consider any requirements for accreditation when deciding on the construction and use of any building. Bruce Sansom stated that the council should contact the architect about these needs. John Jacobs invited Mrs. Ceasar to attend the next council meeting. She offered to obtain accreditation information to provide to the council.

John Jacobs suggested that the council meet with the architect to discuss a plan for Building H of the Master Site Plan. Msgr. Troncale stated that a drawing of Building H should be based on our needs. Linda Anderson stated that the classrooms should at least be the same size as those at the St. Bede Elementary campus.

Linda Anderson made a motion that the council arrange a meeting with the architect, David Ford, and request that he provide a drawing of Building H to include sixteen classrooms, administrative areas, etc., to meet accreditation requirements. Mike Stewart provided a second. Msgr. Troncale stated that he would contact David Ford. The motion passed with no opposition.

Reading of the Minutes

The reading of the minutes for the meeting of February 7, 2008, was postponed until the next scheduled meeting of the Pastoral Council. Greg Herbek and Mike Stewart each provided the council with copies of their reports for the February 7 meeting.

Old Business

Msgr. Troncale reported to the council that he had not seen any new water leaks inside the church building. He stated that he had not spoken to Kevin Ostrye, but would follow up with him regarding the roof situation.

Bruce Sansom provided a report regarding the potential purchase of Dr. Howell's property. The council addressed Dr. Howell's counter proposal dated February

29, 2008. The council agreed to inform the Finance Council of the counter proposal and to request their input with any response. Bruce Sansom stated that he would advise Dr. Howell that we were reviewing the counter proposal.

New Business

Msgr. Troncale informed the council that there was a need from the Montgomery Deanery to have nominations for two vacancies on the Mobile Archdiocesan Board of Catholic Education. He also advised the council that there would be a need for a representative from our parish to serve with the Montgomery Preparatory School Board as Russ Anile's term ends in June of 2008.

Joe Scanlan initiated a discussion concerning the need for sufficient lighting on or around the steps leading to the entrance of the church. He expressed concern that this was a potentially hazardous condition that required attention.

John Jacobs advised the council that these new business items would be discussed further at the next scheduled council meeting.

With no further business before the council, Mike Stewart made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Linda Anderson provided a second. The motion was passed. A prayer was offered by Msgr. Troncale and the meeting was concluded at 9:15 PM.

The council will reconvene on Thursday, April 10, 2008, at 7:00 PM in the Parish Conference Room.

Wade Simpson
Secretary, Parish Council