

# PASTORAL COUNCIL

## MINUTES of MEETING

For

September 11, 2008

John Jacobs called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. Msgr. Charles Troncale opened the meeting with a prayer. The following members were in attendance:

Msgr. Charles Troncale  
John Jacobs  
Wade Simpson  
Larry Driscoll  
Greg Herbek  
Gerry Shook  
Bruce Sansom  
Mike Stewart  
Linda Anderson  
Joan Plumlee

Rob Barranco, Joe Barber and Jim McLaughlin were excused.

Msgr. Troncale introduced Mr. John Mosher. Mr. Mosher is employed with Walsh & Associates. He has been assigned to assist our parish during our fund raising campaign. Mr. Mosher provided a basic description of his anticipated activities including a campaign timetable. He also provided contact information.

### **Reading of the Minutes**

The council reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting. Msgr. Troncale suggested a grammatical change on page 2. Larry Driscoll made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Mike Stewart provided a second. The motion was passed with no opposition.

### **Old Business**

Bruce Sansom provided a report concerning the potential purchase of the Dr. Howell property. He advised the council that Charlie Anderson had been

contacted by Dr. Howell's attorney, Russ Russell. Mr. Russell communicated that Dr. Howell was interested in selling the property before the end of the year. The council entered into a discussion regarding any potential offer. Linda Anderson made a motion to offer \$312,500.00 to Dr. Howell. This amount would include a 90 day rent free period after closing. The offer would also be contingent on the approval process with the Archdiocese and review by the Finance Council. Bruce Sansom provided a second. The motion passed with no opposition. John Jacobs advised the council that Charlie Anderson would contact Dr. Howell's attorney with the offer.

The meeting continued with a brief discussion about the fund raising campaign to be coordinated by Walsh & Associates. The members of the council were impressed with Mr. John Mosher and expressed a desire to move forward with the next aspect of the campaign.

The council then entered into a discussion concerning Phase I of the Master Site Plan. The question was raised as to the possibility of not including the gymnasium with the first phase. Several members commented that we should not limit the plans at this time. The members agreed to continue this discussion at the next meeting. Greg Herbek asked what amount could be borrowed and if the Archdiocese had rules that governed obtaining loans. Bruce Sansom asked how much capital we have to have to break ground. Msgr. Troncale made notes about these questions.

Bruce Sansom reported to the council that he attended the first meeting of the Building Committee. He stated that the architect David Ford was also in attendance. He reported that the City of Montgomery had approved our request for a church and school to be located on our property. A copy of the letter sent to the architect was provided to each member. Bruce commented that he was very impressed with the members of the Building Committee.

Msgr. Troncale provided a status about the need for lighting around the church steps. He reported that solar lights had been temporarily placed around the steps. He advised that Kevin Ryan and John Culp were monitoring how well they were working.

Msgr. Troncale also provided a report concerning the Music Director's position. He stated that no decision had been made and that the Liturgy Committee was scheduled to interview a third candidate.

The meeting continued with Msgr. Troncale advising the council that due to the events involving Dr. Howell's property, he had not requested any information from Joe Davis concerning potential renovation of the pastor's residence.

John Jacobs initiated a discussion regarding the 2009 budget process. The council entered into a lengthy discussion about priorities being communicated to the

Finance Council. Msgr. Troncale reminded the members that it was the Pastoral Council's responsibility to set priorities. The discussion continued with suggestions as to how the council could become more aware of the needs of the different ministries. Greg Herbek suggested that the Pastoral Council attend the Stewardship Committee's roundtable to hear reports from the ministries. Mike Stewart made a motion to use Greg's suggestion and send a letter to the Stewardship Committee requesting that they advise the Pastoral Council of all roundtable meetings a month in advance. Greg Herbek provided a second. John Jacobs and Greg Herbek agreed to compose this letter. The motion passed with no opposition.

The budget discussion continued with John Jacobs reminding the council that no input for the Finance Council had been agreed to. Mike Stewart commented that the Pastoral Council needed to have a set policy for dealing with the yearly budget. The council discussed this issue at length. Mike Stewart suggested that the Finance Council continue with this year's budget effort and that a policy be developed by the Pastoral Council for future budgets. The council agreed that a representative from the Finance Council should present their findings at the next Pastoral council meeting. John Jacobs advised that he would contact the Finance Council about presentation of the 2009 budget.

### **New Business**

The council entered into a discussion about the selection of a member of the Pastoral Council to act as the liaison with the Building Committee during the implementation of the Master Site Plan. Mike Stewart made a motion to appoint Bruce Sansom. Linda Anderson provided a second. Bruce indicated that he would be willing to serve in this capacity. The motion passed with no opposition.

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, Larry Driscoll made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Gerry Shook provided a second. The motion was passed. A prayer was offered by Msgr. Troncale and the meeting was concluded at 9:55 PM.

Wade Simpson  
Recorder, Parish Council

