

St. Odilia Council Meeting Minutes

Council: <i>Parish Leadership Council</i>		
August 21, 2007	Time:	8:00 – 9:25 PM

Meeting Participants:	Present		Present		Present
Janet Bohman	Yes	Monica Schlais	Yes	Christopher Vosbeek	Yes
Kathy Busch	Yes	Tom Schumacher	Yes	Mike Witham	Yes
Tom Hentges	Yes	Lynne Schriver-Sheedy	Yes		
John Hunt	Yes	Stella Sola	Yes	Fr. Nels Gjengdahl	
Tom Kramer	Yes	John Soppi	Yes		
Sherry Meyer	Yes	Rick Storms	Yes		
Fr. Phil Rask	Yes	Colleen Vlavisavljevich	Yes		

AGENDA/ITEMS

OWNER

I. Prayer “Prayer Before a Meeting of the Parish Council”

Kathy B.

II. Minutes approved with corrections.

Tom H.

III. Stewardship “*This is the Day*” **Carolyn Breitbach, Roger Toogood, David Vanneste**

Discussion: Members of the Stewardship MAC gave an exciting overview of a drastically different promotional format for the 2008 annual pledge drive.

- Roger Toogood was asked by Stewardship to chair a sub-committee of the council to research and select pledge drive materials that inspire and get proven results.
- The sub-committee members are: Roger Toogood, Eileen Gottwalt, David Vanneste, Bill Rinehart, Mary Rozmark and Carolyn Breitbach.
- After meeting numerous times over the past months the committee has selected a three year program.
- The theme for this year is, “This is the Day”, which covers four Sundays and will include a video focusing on our ministries and needs, a homily by Fr. Rask at all Masses one weekend, and a song written by Dan Perry called “This is the Day”.

Conclusion: Thank you to the committee for the hours of work and the encouragement for meeting our financial needs.

IV. Pastor Report

Fr. Rask

A. Moving

Discussion: Fr. Gjengdahl and I are beginning the process of moving onto the campus, 3470 Vivian. We have a signed early occupancy agreement which is to the benefit of both the parish and the Crosiers. A committee has been formed to begin looking at the needs of the house—furnishings, etc. Currently there are two Crosiers living at the house. They are in the process of leaving the Crosier

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- We have a signed Occupancy Agreement for 3470 Vivian to move in prior to closing on October 31, 2007.
- Fr. Rask and Fr. Gjengdahl are moving in later this week.
- A committee has been formed to manage the furnishing of the Rectory (3470 Vivian).
- The Parish sent a signed purchase agreement for 3500 and 3510 Vivian (Second agreement).
- Pending the outcome of the Second agreement, we will need to form a committee to study and explore uses for these properties.

There are three areas of focus involved in the Welcome Center ministry:

1. A weekly Sunday Mass in Spanish;
2. Religious education and sacramental preparation in Spanish;
3. Immigration services.

Conclusion:

- After considerable discussion, the PLC reached a consensus to sign the purchase agreement as it was amended and sent back to us.
- Fr. Phil Rask signed all four copies on the purchase agreement on August 21, 2007.
- Tom S. will consult with our attorney on communicating the desire to extent the closing date to November 30, 2007, to allow the parish time to secure financing.

Recommendations and Action Items:

- Tie the two notes together.
- Put out RFPs to 4-5 banks.
- Set the closing date at the end of November.
- Close on both properties at the same time.
- Set further discussion on Welcome Center ministries.
- Establish a sub-group of the Property Committee, headed by Steve Hegele, to research cost-neutral uses of the properties.
- After official closing, send a letter of information to the entire parish.
- Announce that for now we have the early occupancy agreement and that there is a core committee in place.
- Plan for a "town meeting" to solicit ideas for use of properties.

Respectfully submitted,
Colleen V.