

St. Odilia Council Meeting Minutes

Council: *Parish Leadership Council*

August 18, 2009 **Time:** 8:00 – 9:20 PM

Meeting Participants:	Present		Present		Present
Christina Baltes	No	Mary Nussbaum	Yes	Colleen Vlavisavljevich	Yes
Jeff Engel	Yes	Fr. Phil Rask	No	Mike Witham	No
Bob Hoffman	Yes	Tom Schumacher	Yes		
Tom Kramer	No	Lynne Schriver-Sheedy	Yes	Guests:	
Sherry Meyer	Yes	Stella Sola	Yes		
Liz Miller	Yes	Mary Jo Stewart	Yes		
Todd Mueller	Yes	Rick Storms	Yes		

AGENDA/ITEMS

OWNER

I. Prayer : *From the heart*

Fr. Gjengdahl

II. Minutes: Minutes approved as disseminated.

Lynne

Follow-up: VIII. Economy/Help & Support Discussion—Action Items on increasing awareness of and use of the booklet developed by Pastoral Care listing information for help, support, and resources:

1. Complete—posting the booklet on the website, in parish offices and on literature racks.
2. In process—publishing an article about the resource booklet in the bulletin and newsletter. Recommendation: contact United Way about referencing their number.
3. Mari will work with Fr. Rask on liturgy avenues—pulpit, slides, and prayers of the faithful.

III. Associate Update

Fr. Gjengdahl

Discussion: Good language immersion experience in Mexico this summer. Improvement in Spanish language skills noted by Latino community members.

IV. Administrator Report

Tom S.

Discussion:

1. In-service: All are encouraged to attend the Stewardship In-service on Oct. 3rd at St. Odilia from 8:30 AM – Noon.
2. Priory Use Update: We have met with Catholic Senior Services (CSS) regarding their potential lease of the property. On September 9th a meeting of the CSS board will determine if they can move ahead with the plans for fundraising. The City of Shoreview has been updated on each step of the process.
3. Long Range Planning Committee Update (LRPC): The final report and executive summary of the LRPC will be presented at the September PLC meeting.
4. Finances: In July collections were a little behind budget.

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V. 50th Anniversary of the Parish

Discussion: A committee of 37 people, chaired by Jim Donnelly, has met and divided into five sub-committees. There is concern over the funds needed to cover the cost of the reception part of the celebration.

Conclusion: A suggestion was made to consider having a special envelope to collect funds.

VI. Prayer Garden with Columbaria

Lynne

Discussion: The Prayer Garden with Columbaria Committee is very close to having an actual budget established. This will be presented at either the September or October PLC meeting. An information kick-off weekend is being planned for mid-October, promoted by the presiders with information in the courtyard. In addition, there will be two or three evening information sessions.

Conclusion: Recommendations made:

- PLC to consider benefit of memorials
- Include in committee's budget small to larger items to gift
- Consider pavers—with family names
- Research guidelines from other parishes concerning memorials.

VII. Fall Festival

Tom S.

Discussion: New this year—an old car show! Chair Colleen Moore has expressed concern over the lack of silent auction items donated to date.

VIII. Ice Cream Social Update

Colleen

Discussion: There were 474 bowls of ice cream consumed—86 fewer than last year—but the free-will offering total toward the cost was \$122 more than in 2008. Great social event and terrific concert!

IX. Security of Our Buildings and Property

Lynne

Discussion: After the theft of some of our AV equipment and its recovery, one of the security cameras will be moved to the rear entrance. All are on alert to lock up equipment after use. Serial numbers will be recorded and parish named etched on equipment. Current security measures:

- 10 cameras installed on the property
- Hall monitors (when school is in session) require sign-in and wearing of visitor badge of all who enter
- There will be a request in September/October bulletins for a volunteer to do a video tour of our campus
- Locking down the school on school days presents a challenge with the connection to the courtyard and church. This will again be reevaluated at a future date.
- Although this is private property, it is very public. DON'T leave purses or electronic equipment in your car.
- Plans for additional security, remodeling of the school entrance is on the books.

X. MAC Updates

Administrative Service:

- Welcomed new members
- Information presented on the Prayer Garden with Columbaria

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- Directional signage for the campus

Faith Formation:

- Adult faith formation opportunities on the calendar and printed in brochure form
- A prayer hour will be held Mondays from 7:15 PM – 8:15 PM focusing on a different type of prayer each week

Finance:

- Approved June final statements
- Reviewed number of designated funds, recommending consolidating if possible
- Approved responses to audit recommendations for internal controls

Pastoral Care:

- Bulletin article alerting people to the resource “Community Programs of Support” has had a good response—people are asking for copies
- New committee members are needed for the Sharing Tree project which served 135 families in 2008
- A speaker from each activity group under the supervision of the Pastoral Care MAC will come to a meeting to explain the responsibilities of its group

School:

Rep not present

Social Justice:

- Identifying areas to work on—Chair will condense to 4 – 5 items
- Coordinating with other parishes

Stewardship:

Rep not present

Worship:

- Process for distribution of Eucharist is changed—priest will fill distribution plates from ciborium

Suggestion Box:

- Have a polka Mass
- No short-shorts
- When bulletin is printed for two weeks at a time, include two weeks’ of scripture readings references
- With the threat of flu, reconsider invitation to shake hands at greeting and sign of peace.

NEXT MEETING: September 15, 2009

Respectfully submitted,
Colleen Vlasisavljevich