

St. Odilia Council Meeting Minutes

Council: *Parish Leadership Council*

Meeting Date:	January 16, 2007	Time:	8:00 – 9:40 PM
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Meeting Participants:	Present		Present		Present
Mike Bettendorf	Yes	Sherry Meyer	Yes	Colleen Vlaisavljevich	Yes
Janet Bohman	Yes	Fr. Jerry Schik	Yes	Christopher Vosbeek	Yes
Kathy Busch	Yes	Monica Schlais	Yes		
Tom Hentges	No	Tom Schumacher	Yes	Guests	
John Hunt	Yes	Stella Sola	Yes		
Mike Lafeber	Yes	John Somppi	Yes		
Lana Mahoney	Yes	Rick Storms	Yes		

AGENDA/ITEMS

OWNER

I. Prayer *A Prayer for the Gift of Wisdom*

Stella Sola

II. Minutes Approved as circulated.

Mike B.

III. Pastor's Report

Fr. Jerry

Transition

Discussion: Fr. Jerry invited PLC members to pair off and dialogue on two questions—1) What have I done to help with the transition?

2) What more can I do?

After a lively ten minutes of exchange, Fr. Jerry shared the title of a book by Gustavo Gutierrez, We Drink From Our Own Wells, and challenged all of us to do just that—to listen to each other, give to each other in this transition time. In every group we belong to, every connection we have, within our families, in casual dialogue within our daily routines we can trust the Spirit within us. If we all “drink from our own wells” (the Spirit within) and from each other (Spirit within the person next to us), during this time of transition, we will be just fine and we will grow.

IV. Administrator's Report

Tom Schumacher

Year-to-date Budget Information

Discussion: The year-to-date budget was given to PLC to review. No discussion due to time constraints.

V. Parting Gift for the Crosier Community

Mike B.

Discussion: The Crosier Farewell Planning Committee will be meeting on January 31st to strategize on providing for a monetary gift to the Crosier Community upon their departure. The committee does not want to conflict with the energy behind the efforts toward the Carnivale event.

The farewell gift ask will go beyond parish boundaries to the greater community by way of an article in the *Catholic Spirit*. There are former

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parishioners and friends of the Crosier Community who will want to contribute to the monetary gift and perhaps share stories as well.

<u>Action Item</u>	<u>Owner</u>	<u>Due Date</u>
• Continue updates to PLC	Mike B.	Open

VI. Crosier Property

Tom S.

Discussion:

Next Steps

The Crosier Property Committee has made a tentative recommendation that St. Odilia proceed with making a proposal for all three parcels. The goal of the open forum held on January 11th was to solicit feedback from parishioners on this issue, the majority of which was in support of St. Odilia making a bid on the properties. The Property Committee will be meeting tomorrow, January 17th, to formulate a proposal. The PLC will meet again next Tuesday, January 23rd, to approve or deny the proposal.

Finance MAC

Opinions shared by the Finance MAC (meeting just prior to the PLC) were across the board on all possible proposals. Concern was expressed about the lack of revenue sources with no business plan in place. In proceeding with discussions, all involved were cautioned to keep in mind the constraints of what it means financially—a probable 3.6% increase to the budget.

Feedback

In considering this opportunity and in making a decision on it, the PLC will take into consideration input from the Property Committee and the Finance MAC (both advisory to the PLC), the open forum attendees, and those who wrote or called in their comments, although there hasn't been the amount of "chatter" expected.

- Forum: very positive response to the good information provided, the needs presented, and the caliber of people who spoke up. A few expressed concern over additional debt. Mike L. commended Rick, Janet, Tom and Fr. Jerry for the effort and energy put into providing the open forum. Agreement on that all around the table!
- Worship MAC (01/16/07): go forward to bid on all three parcels.
- School MAC (01/16/07): nothing but positive comments from school families. St. Odilia is landlocked at present with no way to expand.

Budget Draft

Tom presented the working draft of the 07-08 budget as it currently stands and a draft of what the budget would look like if we were awarded a bid on the three parcels. The second draft, of course, would be impacted by significant variables: the number of parcels, the bidding price, and the eventual revenue stream(s)—all pieces of the puzzle.

Revenue Stream

Ideas offered for use of the properties:

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- Preschool—although not a great revenue source, would be a tremendous feeder for the school
- Assisted living—we have learned a lot in our conversations with Omni Property Investments. Since Omni's withdrawal, we have also had a good conversation with Common Bond, professionals we could partner with.
- Archdiocese—very supportive of St. Odilia gaining ownership of the Crosier properties and interested that the property stays within the church.
- In addition to the possible revenue sources that might be a part of a business plan, we have the Welcome Center and the house on Cannon that could be put in the mix of revenue solving.

Capital Campaign

Most likely we are looking at a capital campaign to follow even up to a year from now if we bid on the properties and our bid is accepted.

Conflict of Interest

Fr. Jerry's unique position as pastor and Crosier community member necessarily raises conflict of interest concerns. He has ceased attendance at the Property Committee meetings and will not attend the second meeting of the PLC on January 23rd. Fr. Jerry restated his Corporate Board position and vote to be the same as the decision which will be made by the PLC.

Consensus

On January 23rd, the PLC will be making a decision regarding the Crosier properties—to place a bid or not, what the bid includes, and the bidding price. The decision, as has been our method of decision-making in the past, will be made by consensus with a consensus testing tool available for use if need be.

VII. Carnivale Update

Mike L.

Discussion: The raffle tickets have gone out. It is important to know that it is not *mandatory* that families purchase all tickets included in their family packet. It is a fundraiser and some students are very capable when it comes to selling. Tickets will be available after Masses this coming weekend for all parishioners.

The video about the Carnivale will be shown after all Masses. It is very well done and should be put on our website.

VIII. Pastor Transition Update

Discussion: The questions on the front of the bulletin are good—a visible reminder of our transition process. They will continue for the next several months.

Respectfully submitted,
Colleen V.