

# St. Odilia Council Meeting Minutes

Council: *Parish Leadership Council*

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| <b>Meeting Date:</b> | March 20, 2007 | <b>Time:</b> | 8:00 – 9:40 PM |
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| <b>Meeting Participants:</b> | Present |                 | Present |                         | Present |
|------------------------------|---------|-----------------|---------|-------------------------|---------|
| Mike Bettendorf              | Yes     | Sherry Meyer    | Yes     | Colleen Vlasisavljevich | Yes     |
| Janet Bohman                 | Yes     | Fr. Jerry Schik | Yes     | Christopher Vosbeek     | No      |
| Kathy Busch                  | Yes     | Monica Schlais  | Yes     | <b>Guests</b>           |         |
| Tom Hentges                  | Yes     | Tom Schumacher  | Yes     |                         |         |
| John Hunt                    | Yes     | Stella Sola     | Yes     |                         |         |
| Mike Lafeber                 | Yes     | John Somppi     | Yes     |                         |         |
| Lana Mahoney                 | Yes     | Rick Storms     | No      |                         |         |

## AGENDA/ITEMS

## OWNER

**I. Prayer** *“Thank you for this day...”*

**John Somppi**

**II. Minutes** approved as distributed.

**Mike B.**

**III. Pastor’s Report**

**Fr. Jerry**

### **A. Crosier Assignments**

Discussion: The bulletin lead this coming weekend will be an announcement of the assignments given to the six Crosiers who currently serve our parish beginning July 1, 2007. Br. Jim Lewandowski, Fr. Stephan Bauer, and Fr. Dave Donnay have been assigned to the Crosier Community of Phoenix, Arizona. Fr. Adrian Piotrowski, Br. Bob Mandernach, and Fr. Jerry Schik have been assigned to the Crosier Community of Onamia, Minnesota.

### **B. Carnivale**

Discussion: The Carnivale event was one of great excitement, success, and very enjoyable. There was a “thank you” in the parish bulletin. Individual thank you cards were sent to Carnivale leaders, signed by Bob Grose, Tom Schumacher, and Fr. Jerry.

### **C. Transition**

Discussion: The process of a transition as significant as the one we are experiencing may last up to 3, 5, or even 7 years. Some people are early adapters, some adapt later on—some just don’t move through the process as easily as others.

Conclusion: Fr. Jerry asked the PLC to continue to bring a ministry of presence to those still adjusting in the coming months and years.

### **D. Parish Community of Faith**

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Discussion: Question—how well do you know the community of faith at all other Masses besides the one you usually attend? As parish leaders it would be good for the PLC to get to know other communities within the parish.

Conclusion: Challenge yourselves over during the next six months or so to attend each of the Mass times at least once to experience the community attending.

## IV. Administrator Report

Tom S.

### A. Weekly Contributions

Discussion: Where were you on the last weekend of February?? The snow storm cut our weekend contributions in half. Hopefully we will recover our loss in the weeks to come. Good news—our utilities expenses are down because of the overall lack of need for snowplowing this winter.

### B. Discernment 2007

Discussion: There is still time to nominate parishioners whom you know would serve the parish well as leaders. A second information session for people interested in a leadership role will be held on Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, at 10:15 AM. The Discernment Evening is scheduled for Tuesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 – 9:00 PM.

### C. Benedictine Farewell

Discussion: The Benedictine sisters have moved back to St. Paul Monastery leaving 941 Cannon vacant. On Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 Mass there will be a recognition of the Benedictine years of service at St. Odilia. Sr. Carol, the current prioress, will be present as well. After 7:30 Mass, there will be a reception for them in the Courtyard. Their presence at St. Odilia will be recognized along with the Crosiers at the last school Mass on June 7<sup>th</sup>.

| <u>Action Item:</u>          | <u>Person Responsible:</u> | <u>Deadline:</u> |
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| • Determine gift from parish | PLC                        | 04/17/07         |

### D. Carnivale

Discussion: The very successful Carnivale efforts totaled \$200,000 before the event itself. On April 29<sup>th</sup> an invitation only dinner will be held at which time additional money will be donated for the Carnivale projects. This is the “silent phase” of the Carnivale, part of the original plans to take place before the Carnivale itself but postponed because of available time.

## V. Social Justice Ministry

John H.

Discussion: On February 20<sup>th</sup> Br. Jim gave a presentation on his work at the Welcome Center to the Social Justice MAC. He is an accredited representative licensed from the Department of Justice and Homeland Security and works only at non-profit organizations. Br. Jim’s work is to help people work through the process of becoming citizens. There are only four people in the Archdiocese who do the same kind of work. He has assisted people from 80 countries, an average of 15-20 contacts per week. Each contact leads to others.

The Social Justice MAC is asking the PLC for:

- moral support,

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- office space (to continue),
- a coordinator to listen to the stories of clients before it gets to the legal level.
- The Crosiers would offer a limited grant for a few years if the parish would also support the Welcome Center ministry. The grant would be dependent upon the coordinating support of the parish.
- A local attorney who has done pro bono work would continue to offer that service.

Conclusion: The PLC asked John Hunt to take back to the Social Justice MAC that the parish is interested in continuing to provide the office space. Anything further needs to be outlined in more detail so that the PLC can review the plan and make decisions on what more can be done.

| <u>Action Item:</u>   | <u>Person Responsible:</u> | <u>Deadline:</u> |
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| • Invite a person who has benefited from Br. Jim's ministry to speak to the PLC and/or parish | John Hunt                  | Open             |

## VI. Pastor Transition Update

Tom H.

Discussion: Beginning in June, Fr. Rask will have time to work with Fr. Jerry on transition issues and mutual concerns. The welcoming basket delivered to Fr. Rask was very well received as was the reply of thanks sent to leadership and staff. Sr. Fran will be meeting with the Parish Transition Team on March 26<sup>th</sup> to help us with next steps. Part of our plan is to send a letter to the parish to introduce Fr. Rask and to invite parishioners to attend the welcome for Fr. Rask on July 15<sup>th</sup>, celebration of St. Odilia weekend.

The upcoming annual Time and Talent form has a place for parishioners to volunteer to help with the welcome reception.

## VII. Crosier Farewell Update

Mike B.

Discussion: The Crosier Farewell Committee plans are progressing along very well. Circular banners (tree rings) will display five decades of growth. There will be an article in the Catholic Spirit about the weekend of June 23/24. The committee is contacting a reporter (as are the Crosiers) to cover the weekend events.

## VIII. Property Update

Janet

Discussion: Path of progress to date—

- On February 27<sup>th</sup> a small ad hoc group, empowered by the PLC, outlined several options for a bid.
- On March 2<sup>nd</sup>, a revised bid was presented.
- At the present time, we are still in the negotiating stage with the Crosiers making all details confidential.
- We anticipate hearing and don't know if we are the only party bidding.
- Next step: When the ad hoc group receives a response from the Crosiers, the PLC will be the first to be notified.

## IX. Budget 2007-2008: Review, Discuss & Approve

Tom et al

Discussion: The budget draft for 2007-2008 has a deficit of \$64,475. Because of the great success of the Carnivale and the facilities improvements which then will

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not come out of Capital Expenditures, it was proposed by Tom Hentges and approved by the PLC that the deficit be zeroed out using a portion of the Capital Expenditures budget line.

Time is a factor which leads the facilities improvements to be accomplished in three phases. This summer, phase 2, will see the following:

- Asbestos abatement
- Gym floor, code compliant doors, removal of divider
- Lighting, ceiling tiles, ceiling fans for B-Wing.

Phase 3, next summer, will take care of A-Wing cabinets and window coverings.

Some of the Carnivale dollars have been pledged over a three year period.

The impact of possibly obtaining additional property is reflected on Sheet B showing the resources that could be put into play.

Conclusion: A consensus was reached to approve the proposed 2007-2008 unified budget.

Respectfully submitted,  
Colleen V.