

St. Odilia Council Meeting Minutes

Council: *Parish Leadership Council*

September 18, 2007

Time: 8:00 – 9:30 PM

Meeting Participants:	Present		Present		Present
Janet Bohman	No	Monica Schlais	Yes	Christopher Vosbeek	Yes
Kathy Busch	Yes	Tom Schumacher	Yes	Mike Witham	No
Tom Hentges	Yes	Lynne Schriver-Sheedy	Yes		
John Hunt	Yes	Stella Sola	No		
Tom Kramer	Yes	John Somppi	Yes		
Sherry Meyer	No	Rick Storms	No		
Fr. Phil Rask	Yes	Colleen Vlavisavljevich	Yes		

AGENDA/ITEMS

OWNER

I. Prayer *Prayer from the heart...*

Tom H.

II. Minutes approved with corrections.

Tom H.

III. Council Minutes Routine

Tom H.

Discussion: We are asking all MACs to recommit to recording MAC minutes and to send them for posting to the website, granting a 45-day turnaround.

Parishioners are interested in councils' proceedings and are using our website to keep updated.

IV. Pastor Report

Fr. Rask

A. Acculturation Program for Foreign Born Priests

Discussion: In addition to housing our resident parish priests, the house at 3470 Vivian will serve the Acculturation Program for Foreign Born Priests. This program allows foreign born priests a residence for 2-3 months, usually twice a year, as they study, take language classes, and become familiar with such things as shopping, cooking, obtaining a driver's license, etc. The Archdiocese pays a nominal rental fee to the parish for each temporary resident. On occasion, the visiting priests may say Mass at St. Odilia.

B. Other

Discussion:

- St. Odilia may be fortunate enough to become a "teaching parish". If selected, a seminarian in training will be on campus working about 20 hours per week. Last year there were 15 parishes who applied for the services of 12 seminary students. This is an unpaid position.
- The St. Paul Seminary also has as part of its training program what is called "Deacon Summer". This is a 2-3 month stipended position for

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deacons the summer before their ordination to priesthood. We may be selected for this program as well.

- Before leaving St. Odilia, Fr. Adrian had indicated that he would be interested in coming back to Shoreview once a month to say Mass at Scandia Shores. He has since settled in well at Onamia and is committed to serve two locations in Mora, so he will not be ministering in this area.
- With the addition of the Life Teen Mass at 6:00 PM on Sundays, we are looking at bringing in a priest for that Mass. The weekend schedule for two priests, with Fr. Adams for 12:30 twice a month, is demanding.
- Comments of appreciation have been heard from many parents on Fr. Gjengdahl's enthusiastic presence and greeting of students as they come into school. A welcome ministry in our school!
- Concerns for housekeeping at 3470 Vivian have been expressed. We are looking into engaging the cleaning service that formerly took care of 3470 Vivian. Twice a month is good!

V. Administrator Report

Tom S.

A. Budget

Discussion: At present we are down about \$20,000 in our year-to-date collections from budget. We have great hope in the new pledge drive efforts to inspire increased giving.

B. Fall Festival

Discussion: The numbers in for Fall Festival are estimates as all bills have not been paid to date. It looks like the income will be very close to last year's \$44,328. Final numbers will be forthcoming. At any rate, it was a great success—a wonderful community event!

C. Church Organ

Discussion: In the past years, the organ in church has had several repairs. The last service person reported that the cost of repairs needed was not advisable—it would be more cost efficient to get a new organ. Dan Perry looked at 4-5 organs, put out the word to music groups, and with all donations a new organ has been selected and is entirely paid for!

Action Item:

Person Responsible:

Deadline:

- Put article in bulletin, name gifters & anonymous
Tom S./Dan Perry

ASAP

VII. Property Update

Tom S. (for Rick & Janet)

Discussion:

- The closing date for the purchase of the Crosier properties has been set for October 31, 2007. All of the customary inspections have been scheduled and will be reported on soon.
- Concerns have come forward about the Welcome Center building itself. Upon acquiring the additional facilities, great care will be put into evaluating the uses of all of our properties and their best use.

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- An aggressive draft project outline was reviewed for what is being called the Campus Expansion Committee. This group will be led by Steve Hegele who was part of the Property Committee from its inception.
- The PLC is asked to recommend committee members, based on the criteria in the project outline. Send names to Tom S. before the October 9th Executive Committee meeting.
- Status of 941 Cannon: we are waiting for a proxy to sell 941 Cannon and purchase the other properties.

<u>Action Item:</u>	<u>Person Responsible:</u>	<u>Deadline:</u>
• Add to committee membership—pastor, parish administrator, school principal	Tom S.	ASAP
• Nominate to committee, send to Tom S.	PLC	10/09/07
• Email notice of open house at the former Priory and former Asmat Museum & Headquarters building	Tom S.	before 10/16/07

VIII. Evaluation of Policy for Promotional Activities Tom S.

Discussion: As promised, it is time for us to evaluate the Policy for Promotional Activities.

Conclusion: Ask all MACs to give input on the policy and converse with Carolyn Breitbach about her experiences in scheduling.

<u>Action Item:</u>	<u>Person Responsible:</u>	<u>Deadline:</u>
• Draft an evaluation instrument	Kathy B.	10/16/07
• Get input from Carolyn	Tom S.	10/16/07

IX. Endowment Grant Requests Tom S.

Discussion: Endowment Grant requests are due by **November 22nd**. Please submit your requests to Tom Schumacher. The Finance and Administrative Services MACs have submitted requests for rectory furnishing funds. Requests from other MACs are in process of being completed.

X. Pictorial Directory TS & CV

Discussion: Approval was sought and granted to engage Olan Mills in providing a schedule of photo sessions for a new pictorial directory. Our last parish pictorial directory was printed in 2000. It will include a printed directory of names, addresses and phone numbers (unless a specific request to exclude is made).

Conclusion: Watch all available parish communications for details!

Respectfully submitted,
Colleen V.