

# St. Odilia Council Meeting Minutes

<b>Council: STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL</b>			
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Meeting Date: 01/20/09		Time: 6:50 PM
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Meeting Participants:	Present	Participants:	Present	Participants:	Present	Guests:
David Vanneste	X	Bill Rinehart	X	Fr. Rask		Paul Johnson
Marv Tenhoff		Tom Kramer	X	Irma Ruano	X	
Lana Mahoney	X	Pat Keyes	X	Mike Bronk	X	
Carolyn Breitbart	X	John Tomczyk	X			

Agenda/Minutes	Owner
The meeting opened with a prayer.	
The Minutes of the December 16, 2008 meeting were approved as previously distributed.	
Tom gave his PLC meeting update – for details, refer to the PLC Minutes.	
Paul Johnson, representing the School Council was introduced. He presented his Council’s idea for raising contributions for the benefit of the school. He emphasized that they do not yet have a plan but are interested in a concept of increasing contributions from school alumni and parents/grandparents of alumni. The need for additional sources of funding was highlighted with a graph that showed enrollment dropped off quickly when tuition rose above \$3000. For next year, tuition will surpass \$4000. The Parish contributes \$115000 annually to cover operating costs (in addition to the building). The escalation of expenses and the justice issue of paying staff & teachers a fair wage are elements in the funding equation. Recognizing the Parish has its own funding issues to resolve, Paul opined that an annual development campaign to solicit donations from people with a connection to the school could help to meet rising school expenses. The School Council believes that 15% of former students still belong to the Parish. The Stewardship Council acknowledged the need, was supportive of the idea and suggested that development of the plan with further details should continue.	
David distributed his write-up from attendance at the International Stewardship Conference last fall. He highlighted several portions of the material. John agreed to present his write-up at the next meeting.	John
David reported that he had submitted the Stewardship Council’s response to the Long Range Planning Survey. A copy was provided each member. A copy is to be included with the Minutes.	
Carolyn and David listed names of potential speakers for Stewardship training/weekend talk. A subcommittee needs to begin work on this year’s pledge drive. Also, Stewardship has received a grant from the Endowment Committee to undertake a significant Stewardship Training initiative at the Parish. Similarly, the Council was awarded funds to develop a Ministry Booklet. This may be tied into the Ministry Fair that will be undertaken later this year. The members agreed it was necessary to hold a special meeting to begin work on planning these activities. The Council will meet at 6:00pm on Tuesday, February 3, 2009.	Carolyn

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Bill reported that he needs to find 2 people to take over the Mentoring Program that he has been trying to enhance. He may have the candidates who would be willing to step in. He will discuss further with Carolyn if assistance in recruiting is needed.	Bill
Carolyn reported the statistics from the just ended pledge drive should be available soon.	John
Meeting adjourned at 9:05.	

	Follow up Item	Due Date	Owner
1	Write up on the International Stewardship Conference	2/17/09	John
2	Special work meeting on 2-3-09	2/3/09	ALL
3	Prepare pledge drive statistics	2/17/09	John, Carolyn
4	Mentoring Program Volunteer Recruitment	2/17/09	Bill

**Other team notes:**

**NEXT MEETINGS: Special meeting on February 3, 2009.  
 Regular meeting on February 17, 2009.**