

St. Odilia Council Meeting Minutes

Council: STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL			
Meeting Date: 05/20/08		Time: 6:45 PM	

Meeting Participants:	Present		Present	Guests:
David Vanneste	X	Bill Rinehart		
Marv Tenhoff	X	Tom Kramer	X	
Lana Mahoney	X	Pat Keyes	X	
Carolyn Breitbach	X	Ron Louderback		
Fr. Rask	X	Irma Ruano	X	
Roger Toogood	X	John Tomczyk	X	
		Mike Bronk	X	

Agenda/Minutes	Owner
The meeting opened with a prayer.	
Two new members were welcomed to the Stewardship Council, Irma Ruano and John Tomczyk.	
The Minutes of the April 15, 2008 meeting were approved based on email follow-up subsequent to the meeting.	
<p>The PLC Update was given by Tom. He highlighted the following items from the 4/8/08 meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Changes to the Latino ministry are being explored after a model was presented to Fr Rask. - Recommendations from the Campus Expansion Committee are being pursued. Items receiving preliminary approval include construction of a columbarium, continuing negotiations for senior services, staff relocation involving a combination of school, parish and CF space and the addition of preschool/daycare/latchkey programs. Longer term initiatives will also be considered as part of the long-range planning process. <p>For further details of the PLC meeting, refer to the PLC Minutes.</p>	
Roger reported that an indication of the success of last fall's pledge drive can be gleaned by reviewing the numbers reported in the Sunday Bulletin. Year to date through April (Easter is within this period both years) shows a current year increase in collections of \$120k compared to the prior year. He went on to emphasize how the recent Ministry Fair supports the pledge drive efforts.	
<p>David reported that Mark Strong has agreed to work with David co-chairing the Treasure Subcommittee for this year. Additional members are also needed on that subcommittee. Lana agreed to provide administrative assistance to Carolyn on pledge drive matters. John agreed to serve on the Subcommittee. Carolyn will check with Mary Rozmark, who was on the Subcommittee last year (and is now on Worship) to see if she will continue on the Treasure Subcommittee. It would be helpful to have representation from Worship because of the need to coordinate activities with them.</p> <p>Several brochure options are available for this year's drive and one will be selected by the Subcommittee. The video used last year will be revised and used again this year.</p>	Carolyn
A discussion ensued regarding the desirability of making the video available for new parishioners. The Council approved a resolution that a dozen DVDs be purchased for use by parish staff and the Welcome Committee.	Carolyn

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Time & Talent Weekend results are still being tabulated. Carolyn reported that 2198 Ministry opportunities were checked. About a dozen forms were returned with an indication the person wanted to join the parish. Overall it is a very good response and many follow-up telephone calls have been taken. No comparison to last year's results is yet available.	
The future timetable for formal Stewardship presentations includes a treasure presentation in October and time/talent in April or May. (Easter is April 12 next year.)	
David asked the group to save September 20 for attending the Archdiocesan Stewardship Forum. This year it will take place at Mary, Mother of the Church in Burnsville. Also members were encouraged to consider attending the stewardship convention scheduled for Chicago from October 12 – 15, in lieu of attending the August McGready conference in Wichita. Fr. Rask will let Tom Schumacher know that the Council intends to substitute venues for the allotted educational award from the endowment grant. Carolyn will acquire cost information so firm commitments can be made at the next meeting.	All Fr. Rask Carolyn
Regarding the possible capital campaign Roger suggested that Stewardship do some planning to minimize adverse effects on our annual operating pledge drive. Three items to be aware of are: the need to present a clear need; stewardship is needed to manage expenses of continuing operations; and it must be made clear that the capital campaign cannot replace the annual operating pledge drive. Parish leadership still needs to discern the need for and approve a capital campaign.	
It was reported that we have not yet received any responses to our request for an update on the revenue enhancement ideas assigned to the various MACs.	David
David reported he had conversed with Brian Flannigan regarding the parish website. He suggested council members research websites of other churches and communicate to Brian any ideas considered applicable for our website. Brian's email is bflanagan@flanagansales.com.	All
Current status of the Parishioner Pastoral Contact Initiative was reviewed by Roger & Pat. Select items from the Statistical Report of the Parish were highlighted. Of particular note, 1139 parishioners had not contributed in either 2006 nor 2007. It could be helpful to know whether parishioners have issues with the parish. Pat has spoken with 87 people from the sample chosen for contact. Surveys have been completed for 49 of those contacts and information is being reviewed. An additional segment of parishioners will be sent a paper survey and asked to respond. The draft letter & survey were reviewed and suggestions will be incorporated into the final documents. Recipients will be invited to call the parish with any questions. Pat will handle the telephone calls.	Roger Pat
Meeting adjourned at 8:45.	

	Follow up Item	Due Date	Owner
1	Contact Mary re serving on Treasure Subcommittee		Carolyn
2	Purchase video.		Carolyn
3	Save the dates – Oct 12 – 15		All
4	Alert Tom S about funding shift		Fr. Rask
5	Obtain estimated costs for conference		Carolyn
6	Follow-up with MACs about Forum ideas responses		David
7	Review other church websites		All
8	Parishioner pastoral contact surveys		Pat, Roger

Other team notes:

NEXT MEETINGS: Regular meeting on June 17, 2008.