

# St. Odilia Council Meeting Minutes

## Council: STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL –

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| <b>Meeting Date:</b> 11-17-09 |  | <b>Time:</b> 7:30 PM | <b>9:30</b> |
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| Meeting Participants: | Present | Participants: | Present | Participants: | Present | Guests: |
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| Bill Rinehart         | X       | Tom Kramer    | X       | Roger Toogood | X       |         |
| Carolyn Breitbach     | X       | Fr. Rask      | X       | John Tomczyk  | X       |         |
| Russ Bertsch          | X       | Irma Ruano    | X       | Len Krenik    | X       |         |
| Pat Keyes             | X       | Mark Strong   | X       |               |         |         |

| Agenda/Minutes   | Owner   |
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| The meeting opened with everyone reading the Stewardship Prayer  | ALL     |
| <b>The Minutes</b> of 10-20- 2009 Stewardship Council meeting had been given “FINAL APPROVAL” according to our new procedure and sent to Mary Lillemo on 11-02-09..  | All     |
| <b>Leadership Council-</b> Tom gave a review of the highlights of the Oct. 20 <sup>th</sup> PLC meeting. Refer to the Minutes posted on the Website for details  | Tom     |
| <b>Parish Strategic Plan Impact on Future Stewardship Activities?</b> After a brief discussion it was decided that this topic needed to be put on hold until the Parish Leadership Council had disseminated the New Parish Strategic Plan document. Roger noted that the Archdiocesan Planning Process should also be taken into consideration. He distributed copies of a report entitled –Key Facts About the Archdiocese- that was given out at the 8 regional planning sessions.<br>It was noted that when this topic is discussed that the above report plus the two items handed out at the last meeting would be pertinent. They are:<br>Presentation Parish extends Welcome with Homecoming-<br>Eagle Brook Church Article | ALL     |
| <b>Catholic Finance Corporation Presentation</b><br>A general discussion indicated that the material presented by Mike Kratochvil on the Long Term Financial Stability of St. Odilia was helpful. Because there were no handouts & due to the complexity of the material it was concluded:<br><b>That Tom Kramer would indicate to the PLC our request that they obtain an EXECUTIVE SUMMARY from Mike of the key facts that he provided in his slide presentation.</b>  | Tom     |
| <b>PLEDGE DRIVE-</b><br>Carolyn distributed a report that provided comparative facts on the Pledge Campaign for 2010 compared to 2008 & 2007. The bottom line shows that the total #of pledges is down 30 from 2009 & 105 from 2008. The dollar amount pledged for Sunday gifts is \$46,355 more than for 2009.<br>After a review of the total report it was agreed:<br>#1- That the 2010 Campaign was done very well and was successful –<br>#2- That nothing further needed to be done as far as active follow up.   | Carolyn |
| <b>Ministry Booklet</b><br>Pat Keyes updated the group on the status of the 40 to 50 pages Ministry Booklet. The following was noted:<br>#1-A Printer has been obtained who will print the 3,100 copies with the understanding that the firm will be able to solicit paid advertising from businesses to cover the cost of printing the Booklet. The Printer is LPI {LITURGICAL PUBLICATIONS INC} who publishes our Sunday Bulletin and The Messenger.<br>#2-A number of items still need follow up. It was agreed that Pat would send an e-mail to each of us listing what she needs help with.   | Pat     |

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| <p><b>50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary-</b><br/>                 Roger gave a brief summary of what is being planned by the overall 50<sup>th</sup> Committee and indicated that it might be a unique opportunity for Stewardship to not only show what the parish has done from a Historical perspective but come up with something creative. Ideas generated were:<br/>                 #1- The Ministry Booklet that will go to all 3,100 households has a notation about the 50<sup>th</sup>.<br/>                 #2- Have someone from each decade starting with a CHARTER MEMBER give some brief comments at the end of Mass about their Stewardship experience.<br/>                 #3- Create some type of fun game.</p> | ALL  |
| <p><b>FUTURE PLEDGE DRIVE-</b><br/>                 After exploring some alternative ideas it was agreed that St. Odilia should stay with “The Living Stewardship Program” out of Spring Texas for the 2011 Campaign.</p>   | All  |
| <p><b>Jan- 2010 Stewardship Speaker-</b><br/>                 Carolyn explained that we must decide on someone to speak at all of the Masses on one Sunday in Jan. 2010. It was concluded that Committee members should think of possible people &amp; let Carolyn know before the next meeting.</p>  | All  |
| <p><b>FUTURE PLANS-</b><br/>                 It was decided to hold on this agenda item until we have a copy of The Parish Strategic Plan. Areas to be considered are:<br/>                 #1- Continuing Parish Education on Stewardship- #2- Gift Discernment #3- Demographic changes etc.<br/>                 Background material already identified that should be reviewed is outlined under Parish Strategic Plan.</p>  | ALL  |
| <p><b>ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION</b><br/>                 A brief dialogue focused on how we as a parish could become more cost effective if we had e-mail addresses for all households that have them. Tom related that the New Parish Strategic Plan has some aspects about improving electronics &amp; communication systems.<br/>                 It was agreed that Tom should indicate to the PLC that the “STEWARSHIP COUNCIL SUPPORTS AN AGGRESSIVE PURSUIT OF THE PARISH IMPROVING BOTH OVERALL COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS AND ELECTRONICS.”.</p>   | ALL  |
| <p><b>Suggested Dec 15<sup>th</sup> Agenda Items</b><br/>                 -Selection of a Jan. Stewardship Speaker<br/>                 -Report from Tom on outcome of suggestion to PLC on-<br/>                     Aggressive Pursuit of electronic improvement<br/>                     Improved Communication System<br/>                 -Update on Pledge Drive Figures<br/>                 -Status of Ministry Booklet<br/>                 -Future Plans - Review of relevant background documents<br/>                 -Other Business</p>   | Bill |
| Meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.  |      |
| Next Meeting- Dec.15th  | ALL  |
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|   | <b>Follow up Item</b>                           | <b>Due Date</b> | <b>Owner</b> |
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| 1 | Executive Summary of Finance Corporation Report | 12-15           | Tom          |
| 2 | Update on Pledge Drive                          | 12-15           | Carolyn      |
| 3 | Ministry Booklet Final copy                     | 12-15           | Pat          |
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