

St. Odilia Council Meeting Minutes

Council: STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL			
Meeting Date: 9/16/08		Time: 6:45 PM	

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

Agenda/Minutes	Owner
The meeting opened with a prayer.	
The Council members welcomed Marv Tenhoff back as a returning member to fill a one year term on the council	
The Minutes of the August 19, 2008 meeting were amended and approved.	
<p>Tom gave the PLC update. He highlighted the following items from the 8/19/08 meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Three priests in the Acculturation Program at St Odilias have finished the program on August 28. It is unclear when the program might continue with new priests. - Fr Gjengdahl may deliver Spanish homilies at 12:30 masses if someone can be found to translate them. Fr Scott Karl will preside at the 12:30 mass every other Sunday. Stella offered the translating services of her husband to Fr Gjengdahl. - Fr Tom Bouterie, was impressed with his visit here to represent <i>Food for the Poor</i>. - Sunday contributions continue in a positive trend – July was 8% positive to budget. - UBS has committed to repay non-profits, including St Odilias for the investment loss. - Tom Hentges has agreed to chair the long range planning committee. Assistance has been requested of the Archdiocese in establishing the focus. The committee expects to complete its work in the current academic year. - The Latino Ad Hoc Committee continues to meet to address further integration of the Latino contingent into our parish community. - Continued planning for development of the columbarium is taking place. - The preschool/Daycare/Latchkey program has begun with open houses so people can become acquainted with the resource. - Use of the Priory building is in the planning stage. The mold remediation of the building is complete. - The use of an information kiosk in the entry is being discussed again after it was approved last fall. - School enrollment is 619; above the 605 number that was budgeted. - Social Justice MAC has been meeting with representatives from the Archdiocese for assistance in setting direction. - Stewardship is requesting a line item in the operating budget so programs can be planned. 	
The parish has decided to have future contributions in support of programs highlighted by visiting solicitors made payable to St Odilia with a single parish check presented to the program. This led to discussion on how many outsiders should be allowed to solicit and how this fits within stewardship and our becoming a stewardship parish. More study is needed to discern if & how to become a stewardship parish.	

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Tom distributed his draft of a letter to be sent participants of the Revenue Enhancement Forum that was held two years ago. Pat agreed to finalize it and all members should email her their comments within the week.	Pat All
Tom reported the response he received from Tom Schumacher regarding our request for budget funding was funding could be included in every other budget. The Council discussed and unanimously agreed this would not be acceptable. The activities that the Stewardship Council engages in require advance planning. If commitments are to be made there must be funding to support them.	Tom
David and Carolyn reviewed changes that have been made to the video for the upcoming pledge drive. About a third of the video is revised so it will have the feel of a new video. The drive will take place over 3 -4 weeks beginning with a mailing the week of 9-23. Parishioners will be asked to pick up their pledge card packets the weekend of September 28. The weekend of October 5 the cards are to be brought to the altar. Council members were asked to sign up to assist in handing out the packets. Council members were also asked to sign up to help with donuts and coffee for “celebration” weekend.	All
Carolyn distributed details about the Archdiocesan Stewardship Forum on September 21. Those signed up are: Carolyn, Pat, Lana, Marv, & Michael. She assigned breakout sessions for those attending and carpooling arrangements were determined. Others in parish leadership positions are also invited to attend. Attendees will meet at St. Odilia at 8:00 am Saturday to carpool. The forum is being held at Mary, Mother of the Church in Burnsville.	Carolyn, Pat, Lana, Marv, & Michael
Fr Rask, David & John are attending the Stewardship conference in Chicago. Flight arrangements were reviewed.	Rask, David & John
Future agenda items were identified: Seminar and forum attendees will discuss what they learned. Kids envelopes. Complete the endowment grant application. Stewardship at St. Odilia – how much, when & how do we get there.	David
Pat reviewed the final report of her Parishioner outreach survey. Discussion ensued regarding appropriate distribution. Pat will follow-up with Roger presenting/handing it out at the next Leadership meeting night in October.	Pat
Meeting adjourned at 8:40.	

	Follow up Item	Due Date	Owner
1	Email Pat your suggestions for the Forum Response letter	9/29	ALL
2	Finalize the Forum Response letter	10-5	Pat
3	Attend September 22 Archdiocesan Stewardship Forum	9/22	Carolyn, Pat, Marv, Lana & Michael
4	Pledge drive – assist at masses	9/29 – 10/21	ALL
5	Attend International Stewardship Conference in Chicago	10/12	David, John & Fr. Rask
6	Discuss W Roger & make plans to present survey results to leadership gathering		Pat

Other team notes:

NEXT MEETINGS: Regular meeting on October 21.