

Holy Spirit Catholic Church Pastoral
Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 2, 2009

Present: PC: Jane Wilson, Bob Scheidegger, Sally Liles, Anna Alexander, Lorraine Baushke, Marti Billhartz, Brian Cambron, Wayne Carter, Christine Garske, Terry Hatler, Donna Matukas, Dennis Meffert, Ron Mills, Bobbie Shanahan, Gabby Springs and Marsha Wyzykowski. **Absent:** Lynn Martin **Staff:** Fr. Jerry Riney, Ivana Walker, Lori Lewis and Matthew Keyser **Visitor:** Barry Howard

Dinner was provided by Brian Cambron and Terry Hatler

Chair, Jane Wilson called the meeting to order. Bob Scheidegger read the opening prayer and Lorraine Baushke lead in a discussion of the scripture reading from February 8, 2009: Mark 1:29-39.

Jane introduced Barry Howard and Wayne Carter who provided the PC with an update on information about the Capital Campaign. Wayne asked what everyone thought about building Spirit II and he wanted to make sure everyone had the information they needed. Wayne then asked if anyone had questions concerning the Capital Campaign. No one had any questions concerning Spirit II or the Capital Campaign. Barry distributed an information sheet entitled Capital Campaign Update Parish Council, February 2, 2009. A copy of which is attached hereto as EXHIBIT "A". He stated that the Capital Campaign for Spirit I is just under \$1.7 million, has between 80% and 85% participation and is ahead of the anticipated collections of 40% for the first year and is doing really well. Jane asks about the non pledged donations listed in the bulletin. Barry explained that non pledged monies came from parishioners who did not make pledges but have donated to the Capital Campaign. There are approximately 950 families in the parish and 700-750 families actually paying on their pledges. The money pledged to date along with sale of the properties, provides for the construction costs to be able to celebrate Mass in the new Parish Hall at Parkside in April of 2010. Some discussion followed about the preparing the new Parish Hall for Mass and that will be addressed at a later time. Jane asked when the current Capital Campaign pledges are fulfilled in 2010 will parishioners be asked to renew their pledges or will another Capital Campaign begin? Barry advised, we are communicating to people that Spirit II is a 15 to 18 year project and are asking parishioner to reevaluate their ability to support the project. The stewardship approach is parishioners should give 10% of their treasure back to the Lord. Wayne asked the PC members to express their opinion as to spending \$7.6 million on Spirit II. The only question about voting to build Spirit II was the possible increases in the cost of construction materials in the future would be a large factor in the decision.

Matthew Keyser expressed his concern about the money for the day-to-day operation of the parish. Barry stated there are efforts to rejuvenate the Stewardship Committee and get the message out about the shortfall of the weekly collections. Barry also advised that the Capital Campaign Committee and the Finance Committee are putting together a

roadmap in the next month. The Capital Campaign Committee has several ideas about raising money for the parish.

Ron Mills stated he has heard some concerns about moving to Holy Spirit Parkside from some of the older members of the parish who are concerned about the statues, etc. being moved to the new location. Jane advised that there would be some things planned to help with the emotional transition and this will be worked on by the PC committees. Discussion followed regarding the charter members of HS and doing some things to involve them in the move, especially the ones that are upset about the move.

Gabby Springs advised that some parishioners do not want to build the church. Fr. Jerry stated that the PC does not have to make that decision because the last PC made the decision. The present PC just has to validate the last PC decision to go forth. We have an opportunity to turn it around or validate the decision. Bob Scheidegger stated that after the official vote is made we will have the opportunity to speak in church and hopefully answer a lot of questions. Jane stated that the previous PC had the idea if we could build at a price we could afford, then we had the option to vote to do so. Fr. Jerry stated that we have already gotten permission from the dioceses to go forth. Jane stated if you do have people coming up to you with questions about Spirit I and Spirit II, that you cannot answer, please have them call me, Bob Scheidegger, Ivana Walker, Art Kunkel or Joe Meyers.

Barry informed the PC there is going to be a church interior workshop on February 8, at 1:00 p.m. in the parish hall. A church interior workshop shows what plans we have so far and what we believe the final design of the church will be. He invited the PC to attend the workshop.

Jane thanked Barry for coming to the PC meeting.

Jane asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of January 5, 2009. The minutes were approved.

Jane asked for the ministry reports and thanked everyone for submitting their reports early through e-mail for review.

Communications – Gabby Springs – a summary of the committee meeting report is attached hereto and made a part hereof as EXHIBIT “B”.

Community Spirit – Marti Billhartz – There was no committee meeting.

Deanery Representative – Lorraine Baushke – There was no meeting.

Finance Committee – Brian Cambron – Work is underway on the audit. It is planned to have the report ready by the second week of March. Special effort will be given to concentrate on the roadmap and it will be presented to the PC at the next meeting.

Attached hereto and made a part hereof are the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting on January 6 as EXHIBIT “C”.

Capital Campaign – Wayne Carter – a summary of the committee report is attached hereto and made a part hereof as EXHIBIT “D”.

St. Joseph School – Christine Garske – a summary of the committee report is attached hereto and made a part hereof as EXHIBIT “E”.

ECHO Middle School and High School Youth Ministry – Lynn Martin- presented by Bobbie Shanahan, a summary of the committee report is attached hereto and made a part hereof as EXHIBIT “F”.

ECHO Preschool and Grade School – Bobbie Shanahan – a summary of the committee report is attached hereto and made a part hereof as EXHIBIT “G”.

Liturgy – Donna Matukas – a summary of the committee report is attached hereto and made a part hereof as EXHIBIT “H”.

Social Concerns – Dennis Meffert – a summary of the committee report is attached hereto and made a part hereof as EXHIBIT “I”.

Stewardship – Ron Mills – No report.

Jane stated the Stewardship Committee needed more members and requested each member of the PC to submit a name to her or the church office of someone in their opinion would be a good member for the Stewardship Committee. The Capital Campaign Committee is working with the Stewardship Committee and Barry is acting as a resource guide for the Stewardship Committee.

Transforming our Church – Terry Hatler – a summary of the committee report is attached hereto and made a part hereof as EXHIBIT “J”.

Adult Faith Ministries – Anna Alexander – a summary of the committee report is attached hereto and made a part hereof as EXHIBIT “K”.

Building and Grounds – Marsha Wyzykowski – reported that Bob Scheidegger took over the parking lot ministry with a couple of volunteers and everyone appreciates their efforts. A summary of the committee report is attached hereto and made a part hereof as EXHIBIT “L”.

Fr. Jerry announced there would be a celebration for Bishop McRaith retirement in Owensboro, Paducah, Hopkinsville and Bowling Green. The one in Bowling Green will be Saturday, June 20, starting with an 11:00 a.m. prayer service and 12-noon barbeque. Everyone in the dioceses is invited. The celebration will take place at Gasper River

Retreat. There will be a liaison at each church in the diocese looking for helpers and obtaining the number of people who plan to attend.

Lori Lewis reported that the next ECHO assemblies' plans are going well with 218 families registered.

Fr. Jerry asked Ivana for an update on Living Hope's construction. Ivana reported that the electrical part of the construction would start soon. She mentioned that Mike Murphy and Joe Meyers are involved in the information given to HS by the construction company. It will be another month before the damaged surface in the parking lot can be replaced.

Jane informed the PC members that their committees have until February 20 to turn in their budgets and requested when the budgets are completed they be placed in an envelope and turned into the HS office. Jane stressed that if there is anything in the budget that does not need to be spent right now to hold off for a while.

Jane advised that the Knight of Columbus had offered a proposal to Fr. Jerry to allow the parish to sponsor a bingo night in order to raise the money to offset the HS budget deficit. After some discussion it was the consensus of the PC not to sponsor a bingo night to offset the deficit in the parish budget but rather to work on building Stewardship. Jane will send a note to the Knights of Columbus thanking them for their generous offer.

Lori Lewis announced that \$2,100 was collected on Souper Bowl of Caring collection for St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Matthew also announced that workers are needed for the summer camps.

Jane asked for volunteers to say the opening prayer and read the scripture reading for the next PC meeting. Bobbie Shanahan will say the opening prayer and Terry Hatler will do the scripture reading.

Jane announced the next PC meeting would be March 2, 2009.

The meeting was adjourned with a group prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Liles