

Holy Spirit Catholic Community – Pocatello, ID**Parish Council Meeting****January 17, 2007****I Welcome, Opening Prayer**

- Opening comments from Rich Diehl.
- Present: Tom Belcher, Paul Yochum, David Alexander, Virginia Robinson, Jerry Downey, Rich Diehl, Ramon Gutierrez, Jennifer Adkison, Cathy Heggenberger, Brad Bugger, Pamela Park, Ex Officio member Father Enrique Terriquez, Kathy Barkdull, and Secretary Debbie Gallegos
- Excused: Jane Vitale
- Absent: Sara Castillo

II Review of last month minutes

Jerry D. motioned to accept the December minutes and Ramon G. seconded it.

III Capital Campaign Update: Kathy B.

Currently to this date we have \$1.722 million in pledges. New pledges are coming in daily. Rich D. asked about the painting that was donated for a silent auction. Kathy B. stated that the painting did not sell and that we will try again at another time. We have also had a men's diamond ring donated to go towards the new building fund.

IV Finance Council: Paul Y.

Deacon Bill gave a presentation at the last Finance Council meeting on tithing and how we should ask people to increase their tithing rather than keep asking people to pay for things like the Idaho Catholic Register. There was a discussion on when would be the best time to ask people to increase their tithing. School income is down slightly. Father Enrique explained the building process and how it worked when he was in Caldwell. They also talked about the correct way to handle the collections from Sunday until it is deposited. Tom Reagan has been asked to get the senior ushers together to see how the money is handled.

V Building Task Force: Brad B.

The Building Task Force is working through the 5 key things that need to be done right away. The Education Subcommittee is looking at revising the school plan to cut costs. The Worship Subcommittee is looking at revising the church plan to cut costs. The Finance Subcommittee is looking at what is the maximum loan payment that the Parish could afford. The Site Subcommittee will be developing a plan for the Gathe Road property and the appraisal of the St. Paul property. The Building Task Force will be meeting again on January 29th. Virginia R. stated that the CCW women were concerned about selling St. Paul's because that is where they currently hold the funeral dinners. Kathy B. has been in communication with the school and a plan will be worked out so that the funeral dinners could be held at St. Anthony.

VI School: Virginia R.

No meeting was held but she did receive a report via e-mail. The school is currently \$400.00 over budget due to lack of donations. Payroll has been high in the daycare and cafeteria. Math night went great on Jan. 10th. They currently have 178 students and 4 new children in the daycare. Nancy C. will be hosting a regional principals meeting here on Jan. 22nd.

VII Athletic Committee: Tom B.

The committee has developed new guidelines for gym usage. There has been a lot of concern about the kids playing basketball needing to be enrolled in the religious education program. Tom B. had asked the Parish Council to take copies of the new guidelines to study and come back next month with any comments. If the new guidelines are accepted, it will be mandated that the kids will attend the school or be registered in our parish religious education program. The question is do we want to put this mandate in writing or hold off until our religious education program is stronger. Nancy C. had e-mailed Tom B. with the same concerns and stated

we need to be welcoming and that it would not be good to put demands on the kids. Cathy H. stated that we should not close the Catholic door to any child. Brad B. asked if these were the same rules for the basketball tournaments. Tom B. stated that we need to create a religious education program and educate our Catholic community to make the program stronger. Tom B. noted that the people who are going to sign off on the team rosters will be Nancy C. and Father Enrique for the 5th and 6th grade teams, Diane S., Ann H., and Father Enrique for the 7th -12th grade teams. The Diocesan policy states that all volunteers who work with the youth are required to take the Safe Environment Workshop and have a background check.

VIII Faith Formation and Youth Ministry: Rich D

CYO had offered to host the 10:00 am coffee hour at St. Anthony of Jan. 21st. Jennifer A. stated that they are in the process of planning Vacation Bible School. They are currently looking at the 2nd or 3rd week of June. They will be looking at getting more youth involvement with more structure and organization. Diane S. will be holding a Confirmation meeting on Jan. 21st in the gym. We currently have 6 youth that will be attending the Jr. High Rally at Holy Apostles on Feb. 3rd.

IX March 3 Retreat: Kathy B.

Sister Arlene will help with the agenda for the retreat. We will pick up where we left off last year. Kathy B. asked for suggestions of where they would like to hold the meeting. We have temporality penciled in St. Paul's.

X New Business:

David Alexander made a big announcement. The Knights of Columbus Columbus Home Association held a meeting last week and they decided to donate \$100,000.00 to the new building fund with the condition that the Knights will have a place to meet. They understand that this will not happen in the first phase.

XI Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned with closing prayer. The next meeting will be at 7:00 pm on February 20th in the Pastoral Life Center.

Minutes submitted by: Debbie Gallegos, Secretary

Minutes approved by: Rich Diehl Date: 02/20/2007