

Holy Spirit Catholic Community – Pocatello, ID**Pastoral Council Meeting****October 23, 2007****I Welcome, Opening Prayer**

- Opening pray from Ramon Gutierrez.
- Present: Paul Yochum, Brad Bugger, Rich Diehl, Ramon Gutierrez, Jerry Downey, Sara Castillo, David Alexander, Cathy Heggenberger, and Ex Officio member Kathy Barkdull, and Secretary Debbie Gallegos
- Excused: Jennifer Adkison and Tom Belcher
- Absent: Virginia Robinson and Bruce Olenick

II Review of last month minutes

Paul Y. motioned to accept the September minutes and Cathy H. seconded it.

III Capital Campaign Update: Kathy B.

Currently to date we have \$1.869 million in pledges. Pledges are coming in steady.

IV Finance Council: Paul Y.

The Finance Council met on Oct. 9th. Collections are still good even though we are going through a Capital Campaign. On Oct. 28th there will be a brief plea made to the parishioners to increase their tithing. The recommended increase will be \$1.00 to \$2.00 weekly or \$5.00 to \$10.00 monthly. Last plea was given 3 years ago. An Endowment that was left to St. Joseph is currently being held in Boise at the amount of \$23,800.00; Kathy B. will look into how we can put this money into the account that we have here for the restoration of St. Joseph.

V Building Task Force: Kathy B.

The Civil Engineering Company, RMES, sent their recommendations on the water and sewer. We have 5 options to choose from for the water lines with a price between \$268 thousand and \$2.81 million depending on which option that we pick. The \$268 thousand would bring the water to the property. There was 1 option for the sewer and the cost is between \$314 thousand and \$613 thousand. Ramon G. has suggested adding to it as we go instead of putting water on the whole 181 acres all at once. This will help with the costs. Larry H. will be coming to town to talk to the city to see what options they would approve. In the coming weeks we should have the redesigns from BCDM. The position of water and sewer will have some impact of where the Church and School should set. The Transition Committee is starting to meet regularly; they are working on a week long service that will happen at the time that St. Paul's is sold. This will allow the parishioners plenty of opportunity to get through it. The Transition Committee would like to have all the details in place and ready to proceed at any time.

VI School:

Virginia R. was absent so no report was given.

VII Facility Committee: Jerry D.

The meeting was held on Oct. 4th. There were not many people in attendance. It was recommended that we hold meetings on a quarterly basis to keep the calendar up to date. It was stressed that there will be no more changing the date of an event without at least 2 weeks notice and once it is in the bulletin it can not be changed.

VIII Faith Formation and Youth Ministry:

David Alexander spoke on the Confirmation Retreat that was held on September 22, they had 19 kids sign up, and 13 of them attended. The first class had 22 kids in attendance and on the 3rd class there were 26 kids. Father Ben is also attending these classes on a regular basis. Rich D. mentioned that the next Religious Education Faith Formation meeting will be held Nov. 6th. The Jr. High program will start in January. Cathy H. and the Olenick's will be in charge. They are currently looking at 2 different programs one from Idaho Falls and the other one are from Meridian. Both are really good programs. The job description for the Youth Minister is being fine tuned.

IX Pastoral Elections:

The elections were pushed back 2 weeks due to a problem with the ballots. Elections will be held October 27/28th.

X Stewardship Workshop: Paul Y.

There was a Stewardship Workshop hosted by the Diocese of Boise on October 16th. Five people from Holy Spirit attended. The workshop was based on St. Francis de Assisi formed in 1961 in the Diocese of Wichita. They went through some hard times, going through 4 priests in a 3 year period, which is not good. Finally they got an Irish Priest who turned the parish around and stayed for 38 years. Now the parish has 75% attendance at mass. They started with a 5% giving to the Church and 2% giving to Charity, now they are at 8% giving to the Church and 2% giving to Charity. The things that helped this parish turn around were that the priest took the leadership roles and formed a Stewardship Committee and he would mention the importance of stewardship in all of his homilies. The priest would focus on the new families of the parish and would memorize their names and made them feel welcome. There are 4 pillars in stewardship: 1. Hospitality 2. Prayer 3. Formation 4. Service. Each one of these pillars is very important in stewardship. The main thing is that the priest needs to be the leader. A Stewardship Committee should be formed with people who hold prayer close to them. Brad. B. spoke on the Seminar that he attended last year in Wichita; he stated that they do not focus on the money. Kathy B. said they are focusing on Discipleship and creating disciples. The outcome of stewardship varies from place to place, not everyone will have the same outcome as Wichita. It was also noted that the Pastoral Council should take the lead in stewardship and form the committee. Paul Y. suggested that a group of people sit down with the priests and let them know that they need to be in front and communicate with the people. Kathy B. said that Father Enrique understands the importance of stewardship and will help. Brad B. said that at the seminar they stressed the point that you should hire a Stewardship Consultant to help with the process.

XI New Business:

Paul Y. suggested that we post an annual listing of all the fundraisers that the Church and School are doing so that people are not being overly asked to purchase items. The Pastoral Council thought this is a good idea and they will continue to look into it at next month's meeting.

Jerry D. asked Sara C. if they needed money for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Sara C. stated that the planning has already started and that they currently have \$1000.00 in the bank to help with the costs. They sold 50 dozen tamales on Oct. 13th. The committee for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe would like to see if we could combine the 10 am, 11 am, and 12 pm masses on Dec. 9th so that more people could attend. They are trying hard to welcome the whole parish to the event.

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

Minutes submitted by: Debbie Gallegos, Secretary

Minutes approved by: Ramon Gutierrez

Date: 11-20-2007