

Holy Spirit Catholic Community – Pocatello, ID**Pastoral Council Meeting****August 21, 2007****I Welcome, Opening Prayer**

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

II Review of last month minutes

Brad B. motioned to accept the July minutes and Virginia R. seconded it.

III Capital Campaign Update: Kathy B.

Currently to date we have \$1.859 million in pledges. \$26 thousand in down payments. We received a new pledge for \$500.00 and one person pulled the remainder of their pledge.

IV Finance Council: Paul Y.

The Finance Council met on Aug. 14th. They reviewed the June and July Statement. The income in June was down. July looks good. The Parish made \$2,441.00 on the yard sale. This was a successful fundraiser for the Parish. A major expense will be made to St. Joseph soon to replace the north side air/heat unit. The cost will be \$3 to 4 thousand to replace the whole unit. The school budget was also presented. They only have 163 students enrolled this year so fact compared to the 173 last year.

V Building Task Force: Brad B. and Kathy B.

Two items were discussed at the Building Core meeting: The Architects hired an engineering firm to study the infrastructure costs. They are the same firm that is working with the Trail Creek Developers and maybe have the developers share the cost with us. Second the Diocese has started the annexation process.

VI School: Virginia R.

No School Board meeting was held.

VII Athletic Committee: Tom B.

They added the acknowledgment statement and the use “heelys” to the Facility Agreement. On September 20th they will be holding a meeting with all the coaches and organization heads to go over the agreement. Brad B. motioned to accept the Facility Agreement and David D. 2nd it. The motion was passed and carried.

VIII Faith Formation and Youth Ministry: Fathers Enrique and Ben

Father Ben read the announcement that would be in this weekend’s bulletin. Father Enrique reported on his choice to reconstruct the Religious Education Program. A study was completed by members of the Religious Education Faith Formation (REFF) committee within the parish. It came to the conclusion that the position of Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation. was no longer needed. Father Enrique thanked Ann for all her past services. He then asked Father Ben to help with forming Faith Formation. He felt that we needed more influence and responsibility from the clergy to build a strong structure. Father Ben and the Religious Education Faith Formation Committee were asked to build a structure for youth ministry. There is a lot of support by parents and the school. We need to get our youth involved and be able to keep them. The first place for our children to learn is at home. Virginia R. commended Father Enrique on his choice of words.

IX New Business:

Oct. 16- Stewardship as a Way of Life seminar will be held in Boise if anyone would like to attend. This seminar is presented by the Diocese of Wichita.

The Diocese would like all parishes to be involved with "Justice for Immigrants." Kathy will get packets ready to hand out at the next meeting.

Last fall Jane V. asked if we would amend the bylaws to move the elections from Sept. to Oct. This would give parishioners more time to decide if they would like to run for Parish Council. They need a 2/3 of the Council to be able to amend the current bylaws. Tom B., Rich D., and Bruce O., will be going off the Council this year. The only change is the current council will have one more month together. There needs to be a minimum of 9 people on the ballots: 3 elected 3 alternates and 3 extra. Paul Y. motioned to amend the date for elections in the bylaws Brad B. 2nd and the motion was passed and carried. Elections will be held Oct. 13th and 14th. The new Council will meet on Oct. 16th.

Paul Y. reported that Jim Robinson and he picked up the stone that the Tribe had given us to help with the restoration of St. Joseph. They picked up 22 blocks of stone

Kathy B. reminded the Council of the Parish Picnic on August 26th.

X Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned with closing prayer. The next meeting will be at 7:00 pm on September 18th in the Pastoral Life Center.

Minutes submitted by: Debbie Gallegos, Secretary

Minutes approved by: Richard A. Diehl

Date: 09/18/07