

# Pastoral Council Meeting

## MINUTES

2/16/2010

7:00 PM

PARISH OFFICE

<b>MEETING CALLED BY</b>	Brad Bugger
<b>TYPE OF MEETING</b>	Pastoral Council Monthly Meeting
<b>GUEST</b>	Nancy Corgiat, Cathy & Keith Riemersma
<b>SECRETARY</b>	Debbie Gallegos
<b>PASTORAL STAFF</b>	Father Enrique and Kathy Barkdull
<b>ATTENDEES</b>	Claudia Allen, Brad Bugger, Richard Holmes, Cathy Heggenberger, Louanna Maheras, Sue Johnson, Paul Yochum, Julian Gabiola, Jerry Downey and David Behrend

Excused: Kevin Helgeson, and Artagnan Ayala

### Agenda topics

#### OLD BUSINESS

BRAD B.

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Minutes from the January 19, 2010 meeting	
	Minutes were approved as written.	
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>
Approved minutes put in each of the chapels and web site	Debbie G	2/16/2010

#### FINANCE COUNCIL

PAUL Y.

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	The Fiance Council met on Feb. 9 <sup>th</sup> . The Income and Expense statements were approved. Income is under budget by \$15,344.86 and expenses are \$18,112.61 under budget. ICA will begin on Feb. 28 <sup>th</sup> . Our goal for this year is \$85,945.00. Last years ICA goal was \$91,206.00 and we exceeded the goal by \$1,467.00. Part of the reason for our exceeding the goal was the Diocese started on-line giving on their web site that we were not aware of. We will have someone speak at each of the Masses.
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#### SCHOOL BOARD

KATHY B.

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Mark D. reported on the building process. The school was broken into the Sunday before the Auction. Four lap tops, the bookkeeper's computer and the liquor from the wagon of cheer were stolen. 174 children are currently attending the school. The school is currently 25,000.00 in the black. The auction netted \$45,000.00 this year.
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#### YOUTH MINISTRY

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	No report given. David was not feeling well.
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#### ERE REPORT

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Melanie e-mailed a report to each of the council members. 1 <sup>st</sup> Reconciliation will be March 6 <sup>th</sup> 10:00 am at St. Anthony. She currently has 7 children in RCIA. Melanie is working on preparing items for Vacation Bible School scheduled for June. She is working with Grace Lutheran and Calvary Alliance to help cut costs. The 13 <sup>th</sup> annual Feed the 5000 is going to start on Feb. 20 <sup>th</sup> .
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**BUILDING PROCESS UPDATE**

BRAD B.

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Keith and Cathey Reiemersma attended the meeting to voice a few of their concerns regarding the new church and school. They spoke on four concerns: (1) Funding (2) Location (3) School and (4) The future. Brad B. forwarded their concerns to the Pastoral Council members and Mark D. prior to the meeting. Father Enrique has asked that the concerns go back to the Building Core Committee and that they make recommendations to the Pastoral Council. There were a few points made: 1) The Feasibility study came back positive and promoted good momentum. 2) Moving all the dirt and then the cost of erosion control and 3) making communications and a timeline high on the list of priorities. It was recommended that we have another joint meeting with the Core Building, Finance and Pastoral Councils. Annexation into the city will start in the next two weeks. It was decided that we will move ahead with the next Capital Campaign and see how the bids come in before we continue with the infrastructure. See Brad's comments below.
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**OTHER BUSINESS**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	No new business	
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>		<b>DEADLINE</b>
Closing Prayer		9:00 pm Meeting ended
<b>NEXT MEETING</b>	March 16, 2010 7:00 pm Parish Office.	

Thanks to all who participated in a very lively discussion last night of the new church and school building project. I want to thank everyone for their patience and good humor in discussing an issue that some have been talking about for many years. I know we all get a little tired of rehashing what sometimes seems like the same old issues, but I think it's valuable for us to talk these things through. I also want to thank Keith and Cathy Riemersma who provided a thoughtful paper with their concerns and took the time to attend the meeting and summarize their concerns.

We tried to focus on two main issues: should we go ahead with the next phase of the building project, in particular the creation of the "pad" which will require moving a very large amount of dirt, before we know when or if we can initiate construction? And, should we go forward with the next capital campaign, which our consultants tell us should raise between \$2.5 and \$3 million, even if that is not enough to initiate construction?

Keeping in mind that the Parish Council is an advisory body only and that Father Enrique and the Bishop will ultimately make these decisions, I went around the table and asked each council member present to summarize their positions on these issues. I'm not going to try to speak for them all, but my impression was that most people feel we should move forward with the next capital campaign, but that we should NOT go forward with the pad project until we have a better handle on the potential erosion issues.

Kathy Barkdull took a number of actions to follow-up on information the council feels it needs before we go too much farther with either the pad project or the capital campaign. These include: touching base with the architects to see what \$2.5 million would "buy us" in the way of actual construction; and contacting RMES and the EPA to get a briefing on erosion issues and what the parish would be required to do in the way of erosion control, reporting, inspections, etc., if we disturb a large part of the hillside without moving forward with church construction.

The bid opening for the next phase of construction (road, utility lines and pad preparation) is still scheduled for March 2, but the sense of the council was that we should not sign any contracts or move forward with the pad project until we get more answers on the erosion issue. We also agreed that if we do go ahead with the next capital campaign, communicating a clear timeline and expectations for what \$2.5 million will get us is critical.

Father suggested all of these issues/questions be given back to the CORE committing for further research and recommendations to the Parish Council. So that is where we stand as of now.

Again, thanks to everyone who participated in the discussion last night. I greatly appreciate everyone's input and commitment to Holy Spirit. We may not always agree on approach, but I think everyone has the best interests of the parish at heart.

Brad