

St. Peter Claver Parish Council

Meeting Minutes – August 25, 2008

Call to Order by Diane Wilcenski at 6:30 p.m.

Opening Prayer Service: Diane Wilcenski

Reading of Mission Statement

Roll Call: Deacon Mike Burch, Jim Bahar, Sr. Marilyn Brodd, Nancy Buss, Barbara Caan, Jeffrey Freye, Jo Anne Hayon, John Kittelson, Mike Miller, Joe Mukavitz, Mary Murphy, Bill Portz, Joanne Richter, Marilyn Risberg, Mike Swigert and Diane Wilcenski

Excused: Tim George

Approval of June council minutes – approved by consensus

Approval of Agenda – approved by consensus with the additions of Special Collections and 2008-09 Council Meeting Dates.

Announcement/Discussion Items:

Faith in Our Future Update – Deacon Mike – At this point our pledges look like they will total approximately \$1.4 million. After the Archdiocese takes their allotment, the remainder will be approximately \$1,032,108.

Deacon Mike has been asked to be on a Steering Committee formed to discuss the Faith in Our Future Campaign. St. Peter Claver has gone over the Archdiocesan benchmark by the greatest percentage of any parish at this point. The Catholic Herald also indicated interest in covering the participation by our youth group.

Update on CCA building plans (Our Level of Funding) – John Kittelson and Nancy Buss attended the meeting. After the meeting, the committee was asking SPC for \$225,000 plus our share of the feasibility study and architectural drawings. CCA would like to break ground next April and during the summer months hope for donated labor to do inside work to redesign the existing classroom space. Discussion followed regarding obtaining firmer figures of the projected costs, the SPC financial plan of support and additional use of the new classrooms. Concerns were expressed regarding the financial figures, number of volunteer hours, etc. Our recommendation is for a cap of \$225,000 to include any and all planning, building and supervisory expenses related to the building and remodeling and that every effort is made to keep the costs down. Approved by consensus.

SPC Building Project - We need to go back to the architect with a projected financial figure of what we can work with. What can we do? Deacon Mike may tour some other parishes to see what has been done and what is feasible.

Young Adult/Youth Ministry Position – This is needed but the tri-parishes have not met yet to discuss what needs to be done, the financial cost and where we go from here. Deacon Mike will contact Fr. Glenn to meet to begin the discussion.

Council Commissioning will take place on Sunday, September 7th, at the 10:00 am. Council members that can attend are asked to sit in the front reserved pews with their families.

Special Collections – It was asked if monies contributed to any special collections taken by the parish at Masses would be put on the donation statement for tax purposes. Discussion followed on the procedure for special collections and how they could be handled. It would have to be a check or the individual's name written on the envelope to record properly. Finance Commission will discuss it.

Council Meeting Dates – The May meeting will be changed to Monday, June 1st since May 25th is Memorial Day.

Action Items:

Commission Reports –

Personnel – Mary Murphy – They have appointed the Grievance Committee for 2008-09.

Finance – Nancy Buss – They discussed the expenses of razing the school. \$17,000 of the endowment fund was used to balance the budget.

Activities and Communications – Sr. Marilyn – They will be selling the rest of the cookbooks at Septemberfest.

City-Wide – Nancy Buss – Fr. Jim Connell discussed his experience this past year in the archdiocese. Joe Zenk has been appointed Parish Director in Kiel. Sr. Marilyn will handle the Adult Formation speakers and summer programs.

Spiritual Life and Worship – Marilyn Risberg – Fr. Pat Colin will speak on Tuesday, September 2nd. Frederick will combine the choirs once a month. Saturday, November 1st, is All Saints Day and Mass will be celebrated Saturday morning.

Jim Bahar – Stewardship – November 15-16 will be Treasure Campaign. The Ministry Fair is planned for May 16-17, 2009. A Welcoming Commission will be set up.

Hmong Commission – Diane Wilcenski – The Hmong are making egg rolls for Septemberfest. They are holding literacy classes for the adults and children the second Sunday in October. The Archdiocese now has a Multi-Cultural Commission

Coffee and Donuts are scheduled for October 5th and November 16th so far.

Closing Prayer: Deacon Mike

Next meeting: Monday, September 22nd, 2008

Opening Prayer – Bill Portz

Closing Prayer – Jim Bahar

Respectfully Submitted:

Mary Murphy