

St. Peter Claver Parish Council

Meeting Minutes – September 29, 2009

Call to Order by Diane Wilcenski at 8:15 pm, after the Tri-Parish Council Meeting

Roll Call: Deacon Mike Burch, Jim Bahar, Nancy Buss, Barbara Caan, Tim George, Jo Anne Hayon, Mary Murphy, Bill Portz, Marilyn Risberg, Ken Ristow, Mike Swigert, Diane Wilcenski, Vue Yang

Absent: Sr. Marilyn Brodd, Jeffrey Freye, John Kittelson and Joanne Richter

Approval of August council minutes – approved by consensus.

Approval of Agenda – approved by consensus with the addition of the Tri-Parish Sub-Committee.

Announcement/Discussion Items:

Building Project update – Deacon Mike – We will review our financial situation again after the first of the year to try to determine a starting date.

CCA update – There are still a few minor adjustments and repairs that need to be done in the new addition and remodeled classrooms. But the first day of school went very well.

Set goals for the year – This was delayed based on the Tri-Parish ad hoc committee that was established during the Tri-Parish Council Meeting.

Sub-Committee for the Tri-Parish 2015 Plan – It was suggested that John Kittelson and Diane Wilcenski, in addition to Deacon Mike, represent St. Peter Claver on this committee. Diane asked that Council members review our 5-year strategic plan and determine what we need to move forward on. Review the strategic plan with your commission.

Action Items:

Commission Reports –

Spiritual Life and Worship – Tim George – They discussed how to improve attendance at special liturgies.

Activities and Communications – Barb Caan – Their commission is losing members including the co-chairs so they are in need of new members. They are hoping to plan a social event such as a spaghetti dinner.

Buildings and Grounds – Mike Swigert – They set up tents for Septemberfest.

Personnel – Mary Murphy – They set goals for this year which will be to meet individually with each employee to discuss their positions and answer any questions or concerns.

CCA Governance Board – Mary Murphy – The first day of school went very well. The students were very excited with the new addition and remodeled classrooms. The 2008-09 budget was reviewed and the 2009-2010 budget was presented.

Human Concerns – JoAnne Hayon – For the Outreach funds, they discerned five charities as recipients and several one-time donations.

Finance – Nancy Buss – They reviewed a report on the Lord’s Share showing the number of people and range of what is given. Quarterly statements will go to all parishioners and will include a statement indicating that if they have not contributed in the last two years, they won’t be sent envelopes or statements to save costs. We may have to deal with cuts to make up the deficit and decrease in the Lord’s Share.

Discussion on the amount of the CCA Parish Subsidy followed.

Stewardship – Jim Bahar – They discussed how to approach the Treasure commitment in December. They will send postcards to thank everyone who returned the Time and Talent questionnaires.

Hmong Commission – Diane Wilcenski – Virtus training is need for some of their volunteers. They discussed two recent Hmong funerals and how they combined traditional Hmong with the Catholic ceremony. The youth will be selling egg rolls in December.

Coffee and Donuts – Scheduled for October 11th for the Confirmation Rite of Acceptance.

Closing Prayer: Vue Yang

Next Meeting: Monday, October 26th, 2009

Opening Prayer – Jim Bahar

Closing Prayer – Nancy Buss

Respectfully Submitted:

Mary Murphy