

Minutes
St. Rita Parish Pastoral Council
May 21, 2007

Attendees:

Fr Chuck Latus	Marti Mauro	Bernadette Rall
Ann Tiberio	Maureen Morehouse	Drew Smith
Dottie DeLano	Claire Schum	Jim Sauer
Pat Vargas	Dick Wagner	Sister Katherine Ann
Drew Desmarais	Betsy Swovick	Dan Hohl
Bill Burns		

Excused:

John McDermott	Peter Charleton	Tom Swovick
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Opening prayer: Drew Smith

Bishops Hubbard's Letter - We continued our discussion of the Bishop's address. The topic this month was how do we, as church, deal with social action questions.

Approval of Council Minutes - Marti Mauro: The minutes of the April 2007 meeting were approved.

Annual Budget: Maureen Morehouse in place of Kathy Johnson. A preliminary budget for fiscal 2007-2008 was presented.

- Income was kept at 2007 figures. The Stewardship Committee has worked hard and developed a very thorough plan to address this.
- Operating expenses were increased:
 - Insurance costs are up 20%
 - Salary will increase according to diocesan standards
 - Utility bills will be higher
- A list of capital projects was included. As always those projects will be done where necessary or when monies are available.

Pillars follow up: Ann Tiberio

- After problems with the Post Office, the mailing was received by most parishioners on by May 17th.
- As of today 120 questionnaires were returned to the Parish office.
- Tim Mason's company will be compiling of the data. We will receive the results in a workable form. All questionnaires will be returned to the parish.

- A complete list of all the people who worked on the Pillars was given to Bill.

Land Sale/Appraiser fee: Bill Burns

- The piece of land (5.9 acres) in question is "land locked" by two pieces owned by Schantz Development. Our land serves as a bridge between these pieces.
- The question of the size of the buffer was reconfirmed — 75 ft. The buffer will go around the convent and the school playground/soccer fields.
- After further discussion (the sale was also discussed at the April meeting), the council approved "the continued negotiation for the sale of the property".
- In accordance with the constitution on spending limits on non budgeted items, the council approved spending \$700 for the appraiser.

Father Chuck's Comments:

- A very big *Thank You* to Father Bob for all he did for our parish the last 2 years. He will be missed very much but we wish him luck in his new assignment at the Church of the Assumption.
- Monsignor Carroll, St Clement of Rome church, sent a letter to Bishop Clark and all the priests of the Webster Penfield connection thanking them for all that has been done to help his parish in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.
- Thanks to all the volunteers who have worked so hard to organize our Annual Fiesta (June 1st and 2nd). The raffle returns are on par with last year.
- Our new parochial vicar will be Father Hoan Dinh. He will be ordained on June 30th and will start his assignment with us on July 14th.

Resignations: Due to conflicts with work both Bill Burns and Peter Charleton have had to resign from Council. Father Chuck will appoint someone to replace each of them for the remainder of their term. Marti Mauro will assume the role to Council chair.

Closing Prayer: Claire Schum

Respectfully Submitted;
Maureen Morehouse
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