

Christ the Redeemer Parish Pastoral Council

Meeting Minutes: February 27, 2007

In attendance:

Fr. Sean	Arlene Hawkins	Charlotte Conner
Brian Caravantes	Jake Dominguez	Kelli Blankenburg
Wayne Kitchens	John Huston	Phillip Jackson
Ken Conner	Stacie Bradley	Steve Moses
Tim Herbert	Mike Bonin	

Absent: Christine Marté

- Meeting began at 7:00 pm
- Jake opened the meeting with prayer.
- **Unfinished Business**
 - a. January minutes were approved.
 - b. Election
 - Brian volunteered and was approved to be Vice Chairman.
 - Mike volunteered and was approved to be Secretary.
- **Information Sharing by Fr. Sean / Request for Input**
 - a. **Capital Campaign** – The latest figures are \$5.7 pledged, \$1.8MM paid to date. Fr. Sean and the Finance Committee (Tony Schmitt, Michele Kuxhausen, Keith Peterson and Leada Mitchell, parish business manager) met with the Stuart Hendrix, CEO of the Diocesan Savings & Loan (DSL). The DSL reviews a parish's financial statement and makes a recommendation on whether or not the parish should seek outside funding or the DSL can fund the entire loan. The rate quoted by the DSL is 6.52%. The DSL would like to fund the entire loan. The current plans are to borrow \$2.25 MM for the current budgeted church of \$9.5MM.

Fr. Sean did state that with rising concrete and steel costs, utility work not originally planned along Huffmeister and the updated need to concrete the entire parking lot, the budgeted cost of the phase one is likely to rise to \$10MM. It is the belief of the Building Committee that if we do not raise the budget we will compromise the quality of the project.

Wayne and Brian asked about our ability to fund the increased costs. Fr. stated that the Finance Committee is looking at all of the numbers very carefully. At present we have \$2.7MM in savings, \$5.7MM committed and \$2.3 to be borrowed. At present, this should help us stay within the \$10MM anticipated increase. Fr. further stated that we will not begin to borrow until the first quarter of next year.

John asked if we planned to have the General Contractor share in the cost saving of the project from whatever is saved from a guaranteed price. Fr. Sean stated that we will not do this, but we will be watching the costs very carefully. Jake asked if our offerings and costs are tracking the way we have expected them, Fr. Sean said they are.

- b. **Meeting Space Needs** – Fr. Sean stated that there is a need to address the space limitations in the parish. Fr. asked if a couple of council members can accompany him to see how St. Claire’s parish has addressed this with the use of portable buildings. Mike asked if we have any records of exactly what we are not able to schedule as a result of space limitations. Both Phillip and Charlotte gave recent examples of not having sufficient facilities (i.e. cramped offices, multiple meetings on the same night).

Kelly suggested moving CCE to Thursday and Fridays. Jake mentioned that would be difficult due to school activities. Wayne suggested installing movable walls in the Parish Center. Father stated that he did not want to make this kind of an improvement to an aging structure. Stacie suggested looking into facilities outside of the main church property. Brian suggested we consider building more of phase 2 in phase 1. The final outcome of the discussion was the following that will be reported at the next council meeting:

- Fr. Sean, Stacie, Brian and Wayne will visit St. Claire
- Stacie will look into available space at Millsap and Ault
- Charlotte will gather information on what has not scheduled as a result of not having more space

- **New Business**

- a. **2007 Objective** – Ken stated that the council should be more strategic. All are asked to bring up agenda ideas.
- b. **Review PPC 2006 Goals** – Ken suggested that a team of four (two members from 2006 and two new members) assess what goals from 2006 should be rolled over to 2007. Brian, John, Tim and Steve volunteered to do this.
- c. **Identify / Sort Strategic Pastoral Considerations** – Each council member presented their four suggested 2007 focus areas. Ken and the four members above stayed behind to sort the suggested focus areas that were presented. Brian volunteered to type these ideas up and send them to everyone. Fr. stated that he would like to share this with the parish staff. The four members stated above that they will analyze the results of this exercise into the analysis of what 2006 goals should roll over to 2007.
- d. **Volunteer for prayer** – Stacie volunteered for prayer for the February meeting.

- Jake closed the meeting with prayer.
- Meeting adjourned 9:15 p.m.