

St. Patrick Pastoral Parish Council Official Meeting Minutes of September 19, 2006
Submitted by John Bremenkamp, Secretary.

The PPC meeting convened on September 19, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Rectory basement meeting room. It was called to order by the President Jody Bearce Mello. Those present were Rev Joseph P. Donton, John Grillot, Dr. Matt Gorman, Misti Cave, Jodi Bearce Mello, John Bremenkamp, Scott Gonia, Loran Hoffmann, Vern Mall. Those excused were Dr. Shawn Piers and Morrie Franz. Those absent were Deacon James Maubach, Mark Redden, Bill DeBoeuf. In addition Chris Armstrong attended representing the Financial Commission. The minutes were adjusted with a misspelling. An incorrect reference to a five year contract for energy savings was changed to two years. Following the change the minutes were approved by a motion from Vern Mall and a second by Misti Cave.

PASTOR'S REMARKS

Rev. Joseph Donton remarked on the following: A letter from the Bishop was received by all parishes that deals with parish operational improvements. This coincidentally related to a St. Pats survey conducted six months ago at our parish. The Bishop is inviting a representative to attend a December 5 Development Committee Meeting that is targeted to bringing together from all the Peoria Dioceses Parishes interested development directors or representatives of their parishes for evaluating improvements to general parish operations.

Also a Diocesan Education Summit for Catholic Schools is being offered on February 25 – 26, 2007 to commissioned members at all parishes. It will feature education discussions dealing with “cost base tuition” and the “based aid need” for catholic education. It is designed for limited participation, so representation will be offered to parish members recognized by the Diocese as having a previous affiliation.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

None

FINANCE COMMISSION

In the absence of Morrie Franz, Fr. Donton went over the reports that were submitted and are contained in addendum #1 and #2.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMISSION

Vern Mall, chairperson, provided a report as contained in Addendum #3. It was read by the secretary. Vern added that Rick Picket was on the property to define and apply the areas that will be used for play and those for cushioned material. Excavation starts on Thursday, 9/21/06. A final permit is outstanding for \$20 that Fr. Donton approved to acquire.

EDUCATION COMMISSION

None

LITURGY COMMISSION

None

PARISH MINISTRIES

None.

STRATEGIC PLAN COMMISSION

None.

ELECTION COMMISSION

Officers for the year 2007 were nominated and voted upon. The following result was:

President – Shawn Piers with a nomination by Jodi. Seconded by Vern.

Vice President – Dr. Matt Gorman nominated by Jodi. Seconded by Vern.

Secretary – John Bremenkamp nominated by Jodi, seconded by Dr. Matt.

Chris Armstrong has replaced Morrie Franz on the Finance Commission as chairperson by Morrie and it's members. He will attend the PPC meetings as its representative.

Vern Mall relinquished his position of PPC Chairperson for Building and Grounds Commission, which allowed the PPC to appoint Loran Hoffmann. Vern will continue to work closely with Loran.

Misti Cave volunteered to continue as the chairperson for the Commission on Liturgy.

Mark Redden was absent, but will retain his position of attending the PPC meetings as a representative of the Education Commission.

The Constitution and By-Laws chairperson was appointed by the PPC to be Scott Gonia working with Dr. Shawn Piers and John Bremenkamp.

It was explained that there was no need for open parish elections to the PPC for year 2006. Those PPC members still serving their first term with an expiration in 2007 can choose next year in 2007 to continue for three more years without being re-elected by the parish or offer their position on the PPC for a newly elected parishioner.

SPECIAL STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

The gym is being closed to Adult activities now that the new renovations have been completed at a significant cost. Some parishioners (involved and not involved with the

activities) questioned this decision and asked the PPC to provide clarification. Father Donton responded that the cost of improvements is now reducing what takes place in the gym to save “wear and tear on the building”. Also those adults participating in the adult activities are not all St. Patrick parishioners. Correspondence (e-mail) to PPC members from different concerned parties have not been directed to Fr. Donton, therefore he was not aware of the discussion against this decision.

The school entrance received a wall mural that shows the coat of arms for the Diocesan Education Program and for the Sisters of the Presentation. A slogan of “Serving Christian Education” ties the two together. Photographs will be added to the mural shortly.

A letter will be drafted by the PPC President and a notice will be placed in the Sunday Bulletin to thank all those who helped with the improvements of the school. This is in lieu of individual names.

Next meeting is November 21, 2006.

ADDENDUM 1

Finance Commission Report to the Parish Council for September 19, 2006

1. At the August meeting we reported that the parish weekly income in July was \$16,538 per week for a 5 week month. In August the parish weekly income was \$16,315 per week including a holiday. This has been pretty good for the summertime. However, it is about 6% or \$1,000 per week short of the new budget requirements of \$17,477 (the old fiscal year the requirement was \$16,727/wk).

At the end of July we had \$23,512 in unpaid bills. We paid down most of those bills with some of the tuition money that came in at the beginning of the school year. We still have some of the school remodeling bills to pay.

2. No progress on the Parish Capital Spending spreadsheets.

3. The budget for this fiscal year was discussed at the Parish Council meeting in May. The budget sheets were revised slightly at the end of the June to reflect the accruals for the past fiscal year. That budget will be handed out to parishioners soon. The budgeted weekly Sunday income for Church and School (not including tuition) for the new year will be \$17,477, which is up by 4.5%. It will be a challenge to keep up with the increase, but it should be doable with the increase in population growth of the parish. We plan on an extra push this year on Discipleship and the response to giving ourselves to Him, which is Stewardship of Time, Talent, and Treasure.

4. The Parish Support Drive Committee's first meeting was held on Sept 12. A preliminary plan was discussed. The dates of Nov 5 for a Time and Talent Job Fair was set, and the Annual Parish Support for Treasure was set for Nov 12. Most of the plans are in place. A new committee under the Discipleship Commission was formed on Sept 6. This committee will run the Ministry Job Fair. (Separate report)

5. I am happy to recommend Chris Armstrong to replace me as the chairperson of the Finance Commission. I will be happy to work with him for a while to properly transfer files and procedures to him.

Preliminary Report Submitted by Morrie Franz, Sept 10, 2006

ADDENDUM 2

Discipleship Commission Report to the Parish Council – Sept 19, 2006

1. The first meeting of the Discipleship Commission was held on August 31, 2006. The Vision and Mission statement was discussed and approved. Reports were received from the various committees as shown below. We also invited a representative from the Knights of Columbus to hear what this Commission is all about, with the invitation of working together on various projects in the parish. A plan for talking about the principles of Discipleship and Stewardship was discussed. The Commission started putting an article in each bulletin on Sept 3, called “The Disciples Journey”. It will follow the Mass readings for each Sunday, and insert teachings from the Bishops Pastoral Letter on Stewardship that was the foundation for this Commission.

2. The Hospitality Team committee report was given by Deb Tranel. That committee served refreshments at the Great Adventure Bible Study registration after all the Masses on August 19 and 20. The team has also been working on a welcome packet with various organizations and opportunities for involvement. Earla Tenuta is now leading the volunteers that take people to medical appointments who do not have another means. Earla is also leading the effort to visit new people in the parish.

3. The Great Adventure Bible Study Committee was formed in July to put on this 24 week course in the parish. The series is scheduled to start on Sept 10 and 11 in the church. There are over 230 people registered. That is a fantastic turnout. Many thanks for the great work of the committee. Father Caster will be participating as much as he can. Accommodating about 150 people on Sunday night, and breaking up into (small?) groups is going to be a challenge. This is a good illustration of why we need a parish hall.

4. The Health and Wellness Committee effort was reported by Connie Wilcosky. They have one qualified nurse, and one who is taking classes to become qualified. They have put on several events over the past 6 months, like blood pressure checks, etc.

5. The Parish Mission Committee was formed in August. John and Peg Hafner volunteered to be the chair-couple. Several meetings were held. About 3 good prospects are being pursued, with a firm proposal to be agreed to in September. Several other good prospects were no longer available, some who were already booked several years out. We are looking at a Mission a week or two after Easter of 2007. This will be after the Bible Study is completed, and a good time to concentrate on where we go from there. Where is God calling us to go in this Church called St Patrick's?

6. The Ministry Job Fair Committee was formed on September 6. Monica Mueller agree to be the chair person. We plan a Job Fair in conjunction with the Time and Talent portion of the Annual Parish Support Drive, with the Fair being conducted on the weekend of Nov 4/5 and commitment sheets to be turning in the weekend of Nov 11/12 along with the Treasure commitment cards.

Submitted by Morrie Franz, Temporary Chairperson, Sept 8, 2006

ADDENDUM 3

Building and Grounds Report

September, 2006

This will be my last report as Chairman of the Building and Grounds Commission. It has been a pleasure serving the last three Pastors and the Parishioners over the last 10 or so years. It never ceases to amaze me how the Parishioners of this Parish are willing to share their time, talent and treasures when asked to do so. And for this I thank all of you.

The renovation of the 2 rest rooms on the main floor of the school have been completed, the gym floor refinished, a band room in the lower level of the school completed, the sidewalk in front of the convent completed, the storage shed disassembled and lumber salvaged, the exhaust fans in the gym replaced and the pre-K and the lower grades playground well underway. All of the equipment for both playgrounds has been received. A volunteer list of Parishioners has been established and a schedule set for the completion of the playground projects. The "big day" for assembly of the playground equipment for the lower grades will be Saturday September 30. The PTC has been contacted and will provide a lunch of sandwiches and drinks for the volunteers on this day. It is my estimate, that by mid October both playgrounds will be available for use.
Vern Mall