

St. Brigid Parish Council Minutes

January 20, 2010, 6:30 pm

Present: Fr. John Krumm, Sr. Cory Canon, Deacon Roger Duffy, Jan Abel, Chris Seiter, Bob Bosl, Kim Brown, Bill McCarthy, Ginny Settembrini, Dean Mocko, Mark Hobson
Absent: Jerry Rodenfels, Dennis Kall, Bob Shelek, Dave Parker

I. Opening Prayer: Sr. Cory led opening prayer.

II. Approval of December 2 minutes were reviewed the minutes and were accepted. The Parish Council welcomed Chris Seiter (caseiter@gmail.com)!

III. Commission Reports

A. Buildings and Grounds:

a) The Cemetery Board is considering an offer to purchase the gravel driveway on the west side of the cemetery. The driveway is on property formerly used by Don's Super Valu, which is owned by the Donald Fear estate. The proposal is to purchase a 1½ acre parcel of land including the driveway and a piece of land on the northwest corner of the cemetery. The asking price is \$84,000. The cemetery fund will pay for the land in cash. Fr. John explained that the purchase would not have to go through the Archdiocese for approval, but required parish council approval. The council asked many questions about the use of the property and agreed by motion made by Bill McCarthy and approved by dean Mocko and unanimous approval to proceed with buying the land subject to these conditions:

1. The parish shall get an appraisal of the property for a cost not to exceed a few hundred dollars. After reviewing the appraisal, Ginny will communicate the property value with Parish council members by e-mail.
2. If the appraisal supports the sale price, the parish has the approval of the Parish Council to proceed with a purchase agreement and begin due diligence work for a closing.

b) Roger Duffy updated the council on the donated modular building. Construction of the ramps, decks and stairs is underway and is near completion. Used kitchen cabinets, a sink and countertop and kitchen area floor tile have been installed. The plumbing and electrical installations are complete. Installing the life safety equipment and the walkways is the last construction task to be completed. Parishioner Jerry Peters will install the walkways using leftover pavers from the memorial walkway project last summer. The certificate of occupancy can be issued once the final inspection has been completed. The project expands meeting space and provides a handicap accessible space for school and parish use. At present, the best guess of the cost of the move and setup of the modular is about \$56,000, or \$37 per square foot. The space will be comfortable for music instruction and parish meeting use, providing handicap accessibility.

B. Finance: Bob Bosl reported the Finance Committee met to review 6 month parish financial results. The January meeting proposed a format to present to parishioners. The format will be reviewed at the February 23 finance Committee meeting.

C. Social Justice: No report, and the committee will meet January 21.

D. Liturgy committee: The Liturgy commission met twice and is nearly done with the Lenten schedule for St. Augustine and St. Brigid. This is the year for confirmation, and 84 (75 from St. Brigid and 9 from St. Augustine) will be confirmed March 14 at the 11:00 Mass. The time was changed to accommodate another confirmation that day with Archbishop Schnurr.

E. Education: Mark Hobson presented four Education Commission parish goals for Parish Council discussion and input. The four goals are:

1. Create a more participatory and welcoming liturgy, and a more welcoming environment at all church activities.
2. Enhance youth participation in Parish activities and encourage intergenerational Parish opportunities.
3. Develop households of faith.
4. Help people connect their faith to their daily lives.

Mark asked that the goals be sent to Parish Council members for feedback by February 6. Mark gave

these updates:

- a) **St. Brigid School:** The Vision 20/20 school enrollment committee has a meeting with parents on January 21 to present the top 12 Strategies from the Strategic Planning meetings held this fall. Committee leaders will be recruited to start work on the 12 strategies.
- b) **PSR:** There are 75 St. Brigid and 9 St. Augustine students who will be confirmed this year. The Confirmation retreat is February 26 – 27. A February 16th meeting will discuss PSR goals for 2010.
- c) **Youth Ministry:** The Youth Ministry group meets February 9th.
- d) **Adult Faith Formation:** The next God Wine and Cheese event is February 11th, Fr. John is the speaker. His topic is “Living the Sacraments in Everyday Life.” On March 5, the Jubilee Singers will be here for the Stations of the Cross.

IV. Other reports:

- A. **Pastoral Ministry:** Sr. Cory said that the parish connection to homebound and nursing home residents is active and growing. Visits, Masses, gifts and cards prepared in school and PSR programs all bring the Church to people unable to attend Mass.
- B. **Parish Program Coordinator:**
 - a) Roger Duffy is working on the Lenten Connections newsletter. Fr. John and Roger will go to a February Archdiocesan meeting on a Stewardship program that will be conducted in all parishes in 2010. A goal in 2010 is to start working on an Alumni program for the school.
- C. **Deacon’s report:** No report this month.
- D. **Pastors Report:**
 - a) The house swap project is on hold for the time being. The family will let us know when they wish to proceed with a closing date.
 - b) A discussion about the 2005 Strategic Plan resulted in the decision to publish the full report for Parish Council members.
 - c) The next joint St. Augustine parish council St. Brigid parish council meeting will be February 2 at 7:00 pm in the St. Brigid lunchroom.
 - d) The Fish Fry is March 26th. Someone asked if the casino issue approved last November changes the rules and prohibits games of chance at the Fish Fry. No one knew of rule changes prohibiting card games.
- E. **Knights of Columbus Report:** Bob Shelek was unable to attend. The next KC event will be a Pancake Brunch February 7th after the 10:00 and 11:30 Masses.

V. Old Business:

- A. **Dayton Catholic Education Collaborative:** The council made a motion for the parish to become a dues paying member of the Collaborative at \$1,000 per year for plus \$2,000 for the school or a total of \$3,000. The motion to join the collaborative was made, seconded and unanimously approved.

VI. New Business:

- A. **Funding and naming the modular building.** Roger Duffy brought up the need to name the modular building. He asked for council input on criteria for naming the space. The council advised selecting a name that reflected something about St. Brigid parish. They cautioned about a name that would imply the building was only for school use. The recommendation was to publish a summary costs of installing the module so interested parishioners could donate to components they may be interested in, like the handicap accessible ramps, the decks or the stairs. An open house will be held when the certificate of occupancy has been issued.

VII. Next meetings:

A combined St. Brigid / St. Augustine council meeting will be held February 2, 2010 at St. Brigid School lunchroom at 7:00 pm. **The St. Brigid Parish council meets March 17, 2010 at 6:30 pm.**

VIII. Closing Prayer:

the meeting ended with prayer at 8:15 pm.

Minutes submitted by Roger Duffy, January 29, 2010