

Saint Bernadette Parish Council Meeting Minutes for September 22 2009

In Attendance: Marco Stoppa, Libby Murphy, Al Minniti, Fr. Pete, Michael Cordier, George Hays, and John Smith. Rachel Collins attended on behalf of Blessed Pope John XXIII School.

Absent: Dino Prato, Nik Nikas, Dona Lomio

Meeting called to order at 6:35 p.m.

Opening Prayer/Faith Sharing: Fr. Pete

Approval of Minutes: George moved for approval of Minutes of last meeting, motion was seconded by Marco. Minutes unanimously approved.

Parish Council Membership: Michael informed the Council that Dale Lewis has resigned his position from the Council due to time and commitment conflicts. The Council will wait to fill this open position until a later date following assessment of Council and Parish needs.

Committee Reports:

School Report: Rachel reported that PJ s has 606 current students. Rachel updated the Council on Sr. Thomas Augustine, a Dominican nun, who is working with the School. Her presence has been a wonderful blessing for the entire community. Rachel also reported that the School's golf tournament scheduled for September 26th currently has 78 registered for golf a total of 110 people (golfers and non-golfers) for the post-golf dinner auction and raffle. The event will be held at the Boulders in Carefree.

Finance Report: John Smith – John reported that he met with the Finance Council and has worked closely with Larry Cordier in reviewing financials and current status of the Parish and School. John reported that the Finance Committee is working toward consolidated financials with the school, but that will not fully take place for now until systems and software can be meshed. John reported that the plate income for August was up 12 1/2 % over July which helped. John also reported the Parish is interviewing banks in order to help address increased service fees and costs stemming from the reorganization that the Diocese underwent this past year.

Committee and Ministry Representation: Council members were reminded to forward the organizations, ministries and committees on which they currently serve to Michael.

Pastor Report:

Fr. Pete will be with the teens this weekend at the Life Teen retreat.

Website – Parish website is going to be updated and improved. Ministry heads will be sent a questionnaire and asked to provide information and content for each ministry to be included on the site.

Advancement Committee – This advancement committee is being organized to help facilitate increased stewardship in the community, which includes not just financial, but volunteer time, talent, services and the like. This will help the Parish achieve long-term stewardship goals outlined by Fr. Pete such as the elimination of religious education fees and costs, sacramental prep costs, and ultimately tuition free Catholic education at the School. The Council was encouraged to consider who in the community might be approached to serve the Parish in this capacity.

Building Update - The sequence of construction on site will be (1) the gym, planned to begin in 2010, (2) the Sanctuary, and finally (3) new floor on school multipurpose and administrative office buildings. School building fund has \$1.1 million for the building of the gym and \$200,000 in pledges. The first stage proposed plans, including Site Plan was presented to the Diocese on August 2nd who approved and made some suggested modifications. Parish is in process of hiring general contractor to be involved early in the process and help to make for a more coordinated and efficient project. Next draft should be close to final as far as size and programming for gym and will be circulated to Council members for review. Discussion was held on the need and desire to communicate to the Community the progress and timeline on the building process and the positive impact demonstrating the work being done and plans that are in place to make this a reality will have on the community as a whole.

New Business: None

Next Parish Council meeting will be in November.

Adjournment: Closing prayer. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm