

St. Paul Parish Council Meeting Minutes
December 6, 2007

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 8:00pm in the lower level of the parish office.

Opening Prayer: Bob Larson – Song: “Come to the living stone”

Roll Call: Present: L. Contorno, L. Bixby, R. Varner, Fr. Bob, J. Dunlap, J. Morgen, M. Schoendorf, P. McFadzen, E. Belongea, B. Larson, J. Davies, A. Kluz, A. Scheuber

Excused: L. Miller, D Gresser

Approval of the Agenda: Agenda approved.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes approved.

Voice of the People: None

Secretary’s Report/Correspondence: None

New Business:

- 1) Council discussed the highlight from the Nov. 26th meeting when we introduced our goals to the committee leaders of the church. We all felt the meeting went well. Discussion continued on how we were to present the information on Common meeting night. Conclusion was that Peter is to email the goals out to committee secretaries before meeting night and Lucille and Roger will present them after prayer on Common Meeting night.
- 2) Jan 26th- Conversion of St. Paul – council to give goals to Larry for his discretion on how to use during the Conversion of St. Paul service. Discussion ensued on maybe sharing the parish mission statement cards by handing them out or leaving them in the pews. Parish Council decided to leave the method of distribution to the discretion of the Prayer & Worship Committee liturgy planners.
- 3) The Parish Personnel Committee will meet on Tuesday Dec 11 at the parish office to put together the criteria for selecting the new principal. The purpose of the P.P.C. is to develop a comprehensive personnel system including personnel placement planning on the local level and monitor its implementation and administration. The actual hiring, evaluating, etc. of employees are the responsibility of the Pastor, parish director, administrator. The P.P.C. can serve however, as a valuable asset and resource as well as set up a search committee to look for candidates and make recommendations for a new principal.
- 4) Parish Council has endorsed the recommendation from administrative services to hire Deacon Larry Normann effective July 1, 2008. Eileen wanted clarification given to Peggy

that this would not in any way affect her job status since these are two separate full time positions.

5) Roger reported that stewardship is up, along with the number of new families joining our parish. These are both encouraging trends. More details will be available in January.

6) Jim Dunlap reported that the meeting that Bret Achtenhagen initiated regarding parent concerns of the non-renewal of Ms Cooney's contract was tough. Fr Bob had some healing words at the end of the meeting as an attempt to start the healing process. This is an area of concern for us, as Council, as we move forward into the New Year, how to heal as a parish so that we can move forward in unity.

7) Fr Bob reported on the transition to the new pastor. He met with Fr Gross who is our temporary administrator. Everything went well; Fr believes this will be a smooth transition. Fr Gross will meet with the parish staff Tuesday.

8) The report on the Archdiocesan leadership conference to be given by Lisa has been tabled until next meeting.

Old Business:

1) Art asked for a letter from Fr Bob for the time capsule behind the corner stone. Lucille suggested we add our Mission Statement and Prayer for the New Church as well. We also discussed when it should be opened. Currently 25 years seems to be most popular. Art will report next meeting on when we can expect to have everything in place to close it up.

2) Fr Bob reported that a request has been sent to the Archdiocese regarding the columbarium, and that the Archdiocese would like to schedule a meeting after Fr retires. Council will bring this issue up again with the new pastor.

Committee Reports: No comments

Pastor's Report: The Thanksgiving ecumenical prayer service with All Saints Lutheran Church went very well.

Open Topic: Parish Council put together a booklet, with the help and guidance of Lucille, for Fr Bob, with the pages containing our individual remembrances and influences Fr has had on us over the years. This was presented to Fr; we then all laid hands on him, and prayed over him for a healthy, happy, retirement. Council meeting ended with a cake and snacks party with Fr Bob.

Motion to Adjourn: Lucille seconded by John Morgen.

Final Prayer: Final prayer was led by Bob Larson

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Peter McFadzen