

**St James Parish Family
Parish Pastoral Council**

Meeting Minutes September 27, 2007

Members present – Jim Fatula, Brian Ferber, Carla Gonzales, Father Robert, Nancy Welton, Ken Costigan, Hal Pawlowski, and Bud Lucy

Absent - Pam Hester, Ralph Wydra, Maureen Wydra, Pat Schay, and John Ingram Sr.

Please note that all individuals who have the responsibility of seeing action items worked are identified in ***Bold Italicized Underlined Text.***

- **Opening Prayer** - Father opened with prayer at 7:09
- **August 23, 2007 minutes** were accepted with one change. On page two Father shared that the bishop sent the Director of constructions not the Vicar General. The correction was made.
- **Rummage sale - Mary Jo**
 - Mary Jo was representing Ann Freeman who was not able to make it tonight. She shared some background information about rummage ministry. She also shared a proposal that we ask other ministries to help out and that their ministry receive a certain amount of money from the proceeds to their ministry for this effort. She asked if we had any other ideas for support. Jim shared that the men's club is another group would be glad to help out but also shared that there has been some confusion in the past where the volunteers come to find no one there. Mary Jo shared that the rummage ministry could use some help out with that concern too. There has been some confusion in the past and there is a hope that this should be less in the future. Jim asked about the maintenance people to help out. Father shared about the interview process for a new parish manager and that it is moving along well. How to handle volunteers has been a big part of that process. Father is narrowing the field and this issue is one of the main deciding factors in this process. Father shared that Mary Jo's proposal has merit but he would like to have the finance council give their opinion too.
 - Mary Jo shared that Ann is suggesting that a certain amount of the funds be used to support the rummage ministry as well. For example the tents are a problem, the tables are really outdated and in need of replacing, some fencing to protect the rummage donations, and clothing racks amongst others. She also asked that when the dates are set on the calendar could the staff include the ministry representatives in this process to make these decisions as they will be the ones having to staff the function. She also asked if we could add another rummage sale in December. Father shared that Ann should approach Maureen to see if this could happen.
- **Words from Fr Robert**
 - Father shared that after tomorrow he should be able to make the final decision about who will be the new parish manager.
 - He shared that the building committee went to speak with the director of buildings for the Diocese. The location was discussed and determined to be the area just west of the hall. Updating the new plan would require an architect to be involved and an architect has been approached to update the old plan and come up with a suggestion for any new changes. He expects a report next month. Father spoke with another priest who has built churches in the past and has asked him to come and speak with us about alternatives or suggestions for improving the plan. Father shared that two people have left the Building Committee (Jim O'Reilly and Nancy Welton). He would like to get someone else from the Pastoral council. John Ingram Sr. was asked and

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accepted. Hal volunteered to be the second. Bud also stated that he might also be interested.

- Father shared that we have been focusing on the Jubilee and that all who have taken on those responsibilities have been doing well. Father asked us to help out pushing the tickets to the dinner. Also the T-shirts sales could use a little help.
- Father shared that after the Jubilee we need other things to happen. He shared that there is a nationally known speaker who is coming to another mission in the area. They are going to approach him to see if he is available for this on the 4th, 5th and 6th of December for the advent mission.
- The welcoming ministry has been successful and we are now getting more parishioners joining than are leaving. He would like us to keep this up and also shared that the 9:00 mass would be a welcoming event in the future. Father will be celebrating the 9:00 mass and then welcome all new parishioners. We shared with Father that one of the suggestions we had was to have a “breakfast with the pastor” after that mass. Ken asked if there was any phone follow up to the mailing welcoming new parishioners. Hal will look into this.
- We asked Father if we could get the data about mass attendance and information from the exit interviews/letters. We do not want names, just what it was they said.
- **CHRP Retreat –**
 - This was the most successful men’s Christ Renews His Parish ever. There were 17 men as participants and 9 men in attendance. Go men’s CRHP.
- **Minutes from the working session on September 16th.**
 - The working session minutes were accepted as written.
 - We discussed changing the monthly agenda to allow staff to make any presentation that they want to share early in the meeting and allow them to leave afterwards if they so desire in an effort to make their days a little shorter. We would ask that they respond to Jim’s request for agenda items to get on the agenda. If there are no reports to be made and/or no requests to get on the agenda then we will not add them to the agenda. This is not to say that they are not invited to stay for the meeting. We would like to offer them the option to go home earlier or even to give it a miss if they so desire.
 - Our next working session will be after the New Year. **We are all asked to share what weekend in January will work for us by the next meeting in October.**
- **Reminder that next month’s meeting (October 25th) will be at Carla’s house**
 - Carla’s address is 6725 W. Union Hills Drive. To get there go past 67th going west make the first left on 68th left and turn into the easement roadway. Their house is the third house west of 67th Ave on south side
- **Opening and closing prayers**
 - Nancy suggested that we consider refraining from asking Father from doing our opening prayers. He has usually had a long and difficult day and we would like to do our best to keep from extending that day. She suggested that we take turns and also suggested that we offer all the opportunity to offer up any special intentions. Unless there is a special prayer service there is no need to put a name as the individual responsible for prayer. All agreed. We must ask Father if this is the approach he would like or if he would prefer to offer up our prayers. ***Father*** please let us know what your preference would be.
- **Closing prayer** was offered up by Bud at 9:05