

## Tri-Parish Council Minutes

January 9, 2008

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Members Present: Deb Snyder, Tammy Hasenoehrl, Bill Neumayer, Joyce Majure, Fr. Les

Fr. Les reported he has forwarded three names to Bishop Mike Driscoll. He summarized the contents of the letter he sent along with the communities' top three name selections. Fr. Les anticipates a decision from the Bishop in the next few weeks. The council anticipates that announcement being made in late January. After the name is announced that information needs to get to Olin Mills to expedite the publication of our church directory,

Bill asked Fr. Les if he had signed a contract with either MCM Architects or Kenaston Corporation. Fr. Les has not signed or even seen a contract from either company to date.

The council discussed how building funds are handled as they are donated. The council wants to assure there is an accounting system in effect as we prepare for the capital campaign.

Bill explained how the money is currently being handled.

Joyce reinforced the need to have a strong accounting system in place to receive donations and also assure appropriate acknowledgments are sent to donors. Fr. Les pointed out the necessity of designating how donors at varying levels of giving are acknowledged. Tammy offered to generate donor acknowledgements for the immediate future.

The Tri-Parish Council reiterated the fact that they were not receiving a monthly printed financial report as earlier requested. Deb believed they had already set that procedure up and that a monthly report would be forthcoming. Bill explained Jacque Haener had assured him they would have a report by Friday, January 11, 2008. Bill will clarify with Jacque the council's need for a printed monthly financial report.

Tammy asked that the Finance Committee give the council direction on an accounting system. Bill is meeting with the Finance Committee on Monday, January 14, 2008 and will relay the council's discussion and solicit their input on an accounting system.

The finance committee has added two new members, Bill Stellmon and Pat Nuxoll.

The finance committee members are: Kevin Poole, Joe Hall, Kathy Snyder, Rick Truby, Todd Geidl, Pat Nuxoll and Bill Stellmon.

The council conveyed to Fr. Les their discussion with Eric Hasenoehrl at the council's meeting on January 7, 2008 along with their recommendation in regards to Eric's' future role with the project.

Fr. Les communicated the process the building committee and architects went through to prepare for the community presentation on January 9, 2008. This process will continue to evolve as the planning develops. The council discerned the feasibility of the project's timeline. To have the initial master plan & design come in over projected budget is to be expected. This allows for modifications to design & plan. If necessary, phasing the project can be considered as well as selling part of the land. Eric estimates the required off site work to be around 1.1 to 1.2 million dollars.

Bill expressed the council's awareness of how the expertise of Eric Hasenoehrl in so many diverse areas is going to be an asset to the design team's efforts.

The finance committee is addressing hard questions. Bill assured the committee by the end of April they will have project cost figures to work consider. The council is aware if the project ends up costing more than anticipated there is the option that part of the land could be a possible source of income. Fr. Les advised the council to keep some land for future use. Larry Hellhake, Diocese of Boise, has not communicated to the council if the Diocese is interested in a piece of the land for future development.

The council presented the draft administration organizational chart they discussed at the January 7, 2008 meeting to Fr. Les. Options for parish & school administration were explained. The need to make a decision regarding this option is time sensitive. Fr. Les is supportive of pursuing this type of organizational flow. He believes that most priests would prefer to have an administrator. Fr. Les stated that it is absolutely necessary to think to the future, and now is the right time to do that.

Tammy stated it would be helpful to share the council's vision with the search team at this time. The council realizes the need to enter into dialog with the school in a timely manner. This vision would impact their hiring process. The council will invite Marcia Ney to the next council meeting to begin this dialog.

Referring back to the organizational chart, Fr. Les added where the ministerial level would tie into the organizational layout.

The council directed that the finance committees names and contact information be added to the website.

The Tri-Parish Council will next meet on Wednesday, January 23, 2008 at 5:15 pm at Our Lady of Lourdes.

*Respectfully submitted by,  
Gail Estes*