

Tri-Parish Council Minutes  
March 26, 2009

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Members Present: Tammy Hasenoehrl, Bill Neumayer, Deb Snyder, Mark Brigham, Ken Jacks, Johanne Schmidt, Marilyn Blake, Joyce Majure

Guests: Kevin Hasenoehrl, Tim Broemeling, Tod Geidl, Kevin Poole, Pat Nuxoll, Eric Hasenoehrl. Phil Rutledge, Ken Griesemer, Nikki Havens, Mark Steiner, Sue Ahlers, Jim Marker, Dale Albright , Karen Edmundson, Rhett Mahoney

Meeting called to order at 5:30 pm.

• **Ken Griesemer**

Ken has just been to Sandpoint for the Rite of Dedication @ St. Joseph's. Ken explained they faced an uphill battle in getting their building done. They are using a lot of temporary things for economical reasons. He sees the initial vision of the church still present even with the economic concerns they dealt with. Ken was asked how they were allowed to not put all the pews in. He replied they have enough seating to accommodate the current size of their congregation. They left out the last 6 rows. They are using the church's transepts for Religious Education rooms with temporary partitions for walls.

Ken stated he is here to help us find creative solutions, to help us integrate all the existing art pieces we have and are hoping to take forward even if temporary. We will need to prioritize the big picture of what is right for the building & he will help us negotiate through these steps.

His fees, the focus & scope of his work were defined. He believes the focus of the community will be on reusing existing art pieces, utilizing what we have will be recommended in construction phase documents. He outlined the importance of guiding & helping the architect in using items now that will also adapt in the future.

The construction documents are approaching a time when lots of decisions have to be made. During construction he will also be involved/advise as to what changes may or may not be made for liturgical reasons and mandates.

His contract also includes training liturgical ministers to function in the new church. He works with all liturgical ministers and talks about the building; the theology of the building and helps execute how to make the building work, why it is designed this way. Ministers will all have to adjust and adapt to the new building —much larger space needs a different presences by ministers.

Tammy noted some concerns from parishioners about how we bring ministries together that are currently functioning independently. Ken suggested planning & scheduling for combination, run some numbers to determine ministry needs, set your vision for how it works in new building. Then back up look what current norms are and then look at what might work best for new building. As it begins to be a reality, excitement really takes hold and things fall in place. Look ahead, and then look where you are and begin to incorporate. Make a whole plan. Start to mix up the planning. Tammy explained there is some anxiety with how we are functioning. Questions about who moves that along. The Tri-Parish Council feels it is them that help the community move along; Kens' part of the process is to start sharing the vision of the future.

Having people begin to identify what is important is a way to pave the road.

Again setting the vision is critical. The liturgy does not belong to us, it belongs to the church it is given to us.

Bill asked how close Ken participates in the process from this point forward. How closely involved is he to the work as we begin to put up walls? Ken replied, very close. Works pretty close with the architect also.

The bigger items i.e. baptismal font, windows will need to be decided soon because they impact construction decisions. Ken outlined the importance and role of a decision making body. Bill stated the Tri-Parish Council was the decision making body. Bill asked what dynamics are needed for an effective art subcommittee to advise the council. Ken outlined a more specific description & operation of the group: a fairly streamlined group, agreeable, part artistic, brings vision, someone from each of the three sites; it is a focused kind of activity. It was proposed the group include one council member, one building committee member & 3 other members, at least one from each church site.

Asked about windows, what are key evaluation points? Ken explained in judging art work there are three judgments: 1) Artistic-how valuable is this based on artistic principles 2) Liturgical- how well does it support the prayer of the environment 3) Pastoral-how important is this piece to the people.

Have to negotiate through these three judgments. Scale and quantity are also considerations. No current site has enough glass for the project. At St. Stanislaus many of the stained glass windows are damaged and would have to be restored-there is an expense to that. There is a whole science about that type of glass restoration. The decision will also depend on whether St. Stanislaus may be better off kept intact.

Bill asked Ken if there is something that stands out that we do not have. Ken presented a brainstorming list "what we will need to run the liturgy?" This is something he will walk through with the advisory group –when he comes back he would work hands on with the group through the process.

Possible subcommittee members were identified and will be contacted by Joyce to ask if they are willing to serve.

Next time Ken comes he will begin working with the art subcommittee on the arts & furnishings checklist. We will also need to review the budget number for art & furnishings.

Building committee would like to have construction documents by July 2009. Procedural date is still working toward fall 2009; all contingents are probably fall 2010. The date will depend on when the properties are sold, and approval of the Diocese to proceed.

- **Pledge Redemption**

Tammy presented a redemption report and explained the report. We are receiving some donations that are not scheduled in addition to pledges.

New parishioner strategy—suggestion by continuation committee is to develop an All Saints registration form as well as ministry booklets containing welcoming materials.

Bill stated the council needs to have a master plan.

Bill received a correspondence from a party interested in being the on-site project manager. No decision will be made on this until a start date is determined.

- **Schedule Next Meeting**

The next monthly meeting of the Tri-Parish Council will be April 29, 2009, 5:15 pm at Our Lady of Lourdes.

*Respectfully submitted by,  
Gail Estes*