

Tri-Parish Council Minutes
July 9, 2008

Members Present: Tammy Hasenoehrl, Mark Brigham, Bill Neumayer, Joyce Majure, Carlene Skelton, Deb Snyder
Guests: Bill Stellmon, Kevin Poole

The council met in executive session at 5:15pm.

Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm.

Minutes of the June 11, 2008 council meeting were motioned for approval by Mark. Joyce seconded the motion. The motion carried and the minutes were approved.

Bill Neumayer distributed copies of a letter from the All Saints Building Finance Committee with their recommendation for a capital campaign firm. The finance committee recommends CCS be retained as the capital campaign fundraising firm.

The recommendation also included concerns they are recommending be addressed prior to the initiation of a capital campaign. Bill Stellmon gave a summary of the finance committees concerns and possible solutions. Kevin Poole gave further suggestions, clarifications and possible scenarios. Kevin & Bill relayed the committees need to have firm project costs if they are going to give good advice. The finance committee feels there needs to be some sacrifices made at this point.

The Tri-Parish Council will make a recommendation to the building committee

All were in agreement the commercial property appraisals outlined by Larry Hellhake at the councils April 24, 2008 meeting, are crucial at this point in project planning. Tammy will contact Larry Hellhake to determine a timeline for the council to receive this information.

Larry Hellhake & Bill Neumayer have been attempting communication by phone. Larry requested more property information such as floor plans and square footage. Fr. Les delivered those documents to the diocesan center. Within the next couple of weeks those appraisals should be completed.

Tammy & Bill gave an overview of the diocesan planning committee meeting attended by project representatives in Boise.

Tammy relayed the building committee expressed at their 7/8/08 meeting they have been frustrated with the project costs coming in higher than the \$15-18 million guideline set. If the project has to be phased they would recommend building the church and school in phase 1.

The TPC is asking for clarification that MCM realizes the projects bottom line is \$14-\$18 million. Doug Benson, MCM Architects, is willing to rework the plans. Our representatives at the diocesan planning committee meeting observed the presentation of St. Jerome's Parish, Jerome, ID, plans for a 500 seat Social Hall which included showers. The cost for the project was approx. \$2.5 million.

The Tri-Parish Council will make a recommendation to the building committee that total project costs must be in the \$14-\$18 million range. Carlene believes it is best for the architects to take their direction from the leadership. Bill Neumayer suggests that Doug Benson come to Lewiston and meet with the principal committees. This would allow all involved to sit down together and assure all parties are in agreement the project scope is \$14-\$18 million.

Part of the concerns of the Finance Committee is that they don't want to start a capital campaign before the challenges of the project are resolved. It may be necessary to push out the capital campaign an additional 30 days to

resolve some of the concerns. Deb believes the information the finance committee is seeking could be available within the next 45 days. The Tri-Parish Council feels the concerns have to be resolved prior to the capital campaign.

Kevin Poole stated the desire to get a firm handle on where we are financially. All in attendance agreed stronger guidelines need to be established with the architects. When the finance committee reviews the scope and budget they want to be real cognizant of what the project details are. Kevin inquired if Kenaston has been hired. The council responded Kenaston has been hired as the projects general contractor. Kevin commented in his profession they are seeing a reduction in engineering prices of 20% or more. Joyce reiterated Kenaston was hired because the scope of the project required it be handled by a major firm. Kevin further suggested that instruction to MCM need to be in writing including follow up on phone conversations to further reiterate what was discussed.

Bill Neumayer summarized the need to reconvene very quickly with the three main leadership groups. A possible date for this meeting is Tuesday, July 15, 2008.

Bill asked Tammy to follow up with Larry Hellhake.

The Tri-Parish Council recommends the parties interested in retaining St. Stanislaus parish be given the opportunity to put together a concise, long range business plan. The council further recommends, with the consent of Fr. Les, the interested parties convene to establish a long term plan for the preservation of St. Stanislaus church.

Respectfully submitted
Gail Estes