

Tri-Parish Council Minutes
August 13, 2008

Members Present: Tammy Hasenoehrl, Mark Brigham, Bill Neumayer, Deb Snyder, Fr. Les Kish

Guests: Kevin Poole, Pat Nuxoll, Erika Murdock

Meeting called to order at 5:30 pm. Deb opened with a prayer

Deb motioned the minutes from the July 9th & July 15th 2008 meetings be approved. Mark second the motion. The motion was approved.

Erika Murdock, CCS representative, gave a capital campaign report. Erika distributed a summary of the campaign plan.

The summary establishes the campaign duration and overall campaign goal.

Erika outlined the campaign timeline and gave some general information on the specific areas outlined.

The members of the executive committee for the campaign have been identified. Leadership for the entire length of the campaign as well as the major phase was discussed. Each phase will require approximately 20 to 30 volunteers.

The table of gifts on page 2 of the campaign summary points out the campaigns focus of equal sacrifice, not equal giving as the basic premise for the campaign.

Erika went over the solicitation plan. The "5 P's" are Prayer, Personal Visits, Proportionate Requests, Pledged Commitments, & Phased Approach.

The campaign will continue to focus on our Unity Prayer as a vital component of this campaign. Personal visits by Fr. Les, Erika and community peers are the most effective method to raise funds in a capital campaign. This could begin as soon as August 15, 2008.

Proportionate requests ask parishioners to prayerfully discern equal sacrifices.

August will be spent bringing committee together.

Deb asked Erika how common a 32 week capital campaign is in fundraising. Erika replied it was very common. It is not out of the ordinary.

Deb inquired what kind of awards or incentives were in place for the volunteers and leadership of the campaign. Erika explained there is always a party at the end of the campaign.

During the phone-a-thon phase food & prizes are always in place.

Erika relayed to the council she is always available and encouraged them to feel free to call or email her.

The council next addressed two questions in relation to the project.

1. Costs of the overall project

2. Do we have or when will we have construction cost sheets.

Tammy informed the council the Kenaston Corp. received the plans from MCM a week later than anticipated, so it will take them a bit longer before they are ready as per a meeting with Kevin Hasenoehrl & Tim Broemeling. Bill asked the council if they thought it would be beneficial to have Kenaston meet with the council, finance committee & building committee next week when the cost sheets were expected to be completed.

Kevin Poole stated he is continuing to attempt contact with Larry Hellhake. Kevin will begin leaving a message each day if necessary. His objective is to attain commercial land values for our properties.

Erika went over project cost in relation to the capital campaign.

Deb raised a concern over the mention of the projected cost of the total project in campaign materials. Erika made the point that it is one sentence and Fr. Les is the only one using this document until September. The council discussed the pros and cons of using the total project cost when it seems inevitable some phasing will be financially necessary. The council continued discussion on this concern. The council felt "perspective costs" was an appropriate term for the document.

Erika outlined various aspects of the document, and asked the council for input about the section of the document highlighting the sheep gate, do we include this section or not? The council feels it would be best to exclude this section at this time. Bill stated sometime within the next year this issue has to be settled.

Mark pointed out this aspect of the project could be a phase at a future date, if it is decided to include the sheep gate.

Erika put the option out of doing an FAQ sheet on the sheep gate, so the question is answered by the community. Erika asked for clarification of who would preview the FAQ. The FAQ would also outline how we would pay a loan. Loan options were discussed

Once values of lands are established and our marketing strategies are established then we will have our answers. It maybe possible for Bill Neumayer and Kevin Poole to initiate a conference call with Larry Hellhake and relay to him the urgency of market appraisals of our properties to our capital campaign.

Next week we should have the cost sheets from Kenaston. Bill will call Doug tomorrow and tell him what the next steps will be.

Kevin Poole suggested Kenaston present the cost sheets to the building committee and talk about the cost sheets. This would give the building committee an opportunity to ask Kenaston where we could phase or make cuts and be the most effective.

Mark stated we asked Doug Benson a month ago to get back to us with possible project cuts. Bill explained that Kenaston needs to do the cost sheets before Doug can go back and make adjustments to the schematic drawings. MCM has to go from the grandiose scheme and work back. MCM is working with Kenaston.

The council decided to set up a meeting with Kenaston to present the cost sheets. After this presentation to the council, building & finance committees, MCM will be asked to come and have the conversation about where and in what ways we can make modifications to our project to get it within project budget projections.

The issue of the cost of Coeur d'Alene' schools versus the costs of our school have been compared and the previous costs and expectations were not accurate. We were not comparing apples to apples. Their school is projected to cost approx. \$8 million dollars in today's construction market. Fr. Les stated the MCM is giving us generic numbers; Kenaston will give us real numbers for this area.

Tammy stated we are way under on our estimate of the value of our land downtown. Bill wants to assure Larry comes and talks to the council before he talks to any potentially interested purchasers.

Tammy asked for clarification about the attendance of building committee and finance committee members at the council's monthly meeting. Bill clarified that at the last council meeting a policy was established to have two representatives from each of those committees' at all council meetings.

The council discussed the planning for the consolidation of the business offices. The council has identified someone they would like to invite to come and sit down with the council to present his business administration plan. Mark would like to start the process by meeting with this gentleman. Fr. Les wants a minimum of 3 people to come and share their vision; have a roundtable discussion. Fr. Les suggested Fr. Joe DeSilva & Fr. Steve Rukavina be contacted. Fr. Les wants a recommendation from these two priests. Bill & Mark will follow up.

Deb stated there is a strong consensus that we don't need to duplicate and triplicate efforts in our staffing. Fr. Les wants the council to have letters from the pastors of the individuals being considered. He wants to have the pastors' opinion about how administrative systems proposed for our system is working. Bill & Mark will move ahead with the planning and will try to make progress in the next month. Fr. Les stated he was in favor of the vision; just move ahead with choices.

Tammy asked if the Life Choices Pregnancy Care Center were told they had six months before they would have to vacate the building in Our Lady of Lourdes parking lot. Fr. Les clarified they were not given a guarantee beyond a year.

Fr. Les wants the council to think about doing away with three parishes' pastoral councils. The council asked if the target was at the end of this fiscal year, July 09. Fr. Les replied definitely.

The Tri-Parish Council will next meet on 9/17/08 at 5:15 pm at Our Lady of Lourdes.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Estes