

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Council
Meeting Minutes
April 16, 2009

Present: Fr. Neil Manternach, Bob Flood, Jim Harris, Jeni Head, Larry Lansing, Brenda Ort, Chad Pereboom, Kirk Sadilek, Tracy Schloss, Paula Thornhill, John Zlabek, Scott Zogg

Excused: Meg Deignan

Called to order:

The meeting was called to order by Bob Flood at 7:05 p.m.

Opening Prayer:

Led by Brenda Ort and Scott Zogg.

Discussion Items:

Building Update

- Construction has begun! Marty and Loma Cutter announced that the first footings were poured April 9th. The bulletin-board wall will be taken out around Memorial Day so that the floor of the connecting link can be poured. A temporary wall will be constructed in the interim. Steel erection is expected in June.

Loma Cutter presented several interior drawings. They're still working with the CDRC committee who like the circle theme, the font design and are happy with the progression and the alternates that can be included.

Long-term Flood Recovery

- Gail Sladek spoke about the long-term recovery efforts. It's estimated that by the end of the summer 2,000 - 3,000 volunteers from around the country will have come through to assist. Catholic Charities has partnered with UMCOR to track volunteers. Catholic Charities has provided \$30,000 to help victims with unmet needs.

SEAS parishioners have been a great help in volunteering and helping those who have been affected move forward. An additional hospitality need is forthcoming -- providing cookies to volunteers on Tuesdays.

Recommended Actions:

2009-2010 Budget

- The Council unanimously approved the operating budget and the capital projects budget.

Approval of Minutes

- There was a consensus to approve the minutes of the March meeting, with a spelling correction of Kris Walker's first name.

Committee Reports:

Community Life by Chad Pereboom

- The RCIA reception was a success; approx 110 attended. The Senior High Brunch is scheduled for May 17.

Finance by Kirk Sadilek - see report

- There are three months remaining in the fiscal year; it's important that everyone keep their payments coming in. The EFT payment method is encouraged and appreciated.

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Committee Reports: (Continued)

Formation and Education by Scott Zogg – see report

- Preparations for the Parish Renewal have begun; three different dates are being discussed. "Awakening Faith" will be the topic -- encouraging members to participate in parish life.

Liturgy by John Zlabek – see report

- The committee did a wonderful job with Easter and are now focusing on First Communion.

Social Concerns by Paula Thornhill

- There's been a recommendation to move the budgeted funds from Urban Plunge to Local Flood use. It was unanimously approved.

St. Pius School Board of Education by Tracy Schloss – see report

- Parking lot construction is in progress.

Pastor's Report by Fr. Neil Manternach - see report

Old Business:

SEAS Fleas

- SEAS Fleas has been scheduled to coincide with the Hiawatha city-wide garage sale on Saturday, May 2. Proceeds go towards youth and service learning opportunities.

Future Business:

Next meeting will be held May 21, 2009.

Adjournment:

The meeting was closed with the *Our Father*.