

St. Mary Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday,
August 10, 2004

Meeting opened at 7:00 pm by Ray Moon, Chairperson. **Opening song:** *Canticle of the Turning*, followed by recitation of St. Mary's Mission Statement. **Scripture passage:** *Luke 11:27-28* read by Fr. Art. The questions, *Do you hear the word of God with an open heart?*, and *Do you take time to respond to the word that you hear?*, led to Council's discussion of the scriptures.

Approval of minutes: June meeting minutes approved as amended.

Welcome guests: Theresa Breunig, Steve Borkenhagen, and Joyce Roesler

Pastor's report – Fr. Art Heinze

Mission trip was successful and exciting. Brian Lownik added, "It was an amazing experience and eye opening". Tim Winters was proud of our students. The spirit of our group was an exemplar for others. St. Mary students are already signed up for next year. This was our 4th year there.

St. Mary's festival was wonderful... a relaxed and festive spirit. The space was used well and we had great crowds. There was a nice spirit on the grounds and the chairpersons were marvelous.

\$213,000 gross, with final figures yet to be determined. This was our highest gross ever!

School: new 2nd grade and art teachers, and new librarian. Approx. 430 total students.

Religious Ed director: Jim Beuscher "has his work cut out for him". The Archbishop has directed all parishes to follow canon law with Reconciliation *before* First Communion. The parents can delay Reconciliation for their child if they feel the child is not ready.

Finance: We are approx. \$90,000 in the black. The school is a factor in this total. Final numbers will be compiled by the finance committee. \$5 million loan was signed with State Financial Bank. \$38,178/month payments on a three year loan.

Building: Labyrinth is being put in; paid for by a private donation. Magnetic security doors will be installed for school security. Then the building will be complete.

The buildings and grounds committee had been phenomenal in maintaining the property. Bids are being taken for maintenance. Gratitude goes out to the Principal and parents who painted the school.

Organizational guidelines – Theresa Breunig

The 1995 guidelines needed to be updated. The new title is *Organizational Guidelines and Procedures*. The term *standing committees* will now be known as *commissions*.

To enhance communication, there is some formation encouraged. A yearly formational retreat would be offered to members of all parish organizations.

The parish mission, goals and objectives need to be available to each organization. Each of the organizations will then create a goal(s) congruent with the parish goals.

How the plan will be implemented and governed will depend on the community structure update.

(Update in progress) The parish council liaison should discuss the document with the organization or committee they are assigned to and assist them with the spiritual aspect of the guidelines.

The sub-committee will draft a cover letter to the various organizations when the policies and procedures are finalized.

Whether committee meeting minutes are going to be required needs to be determined. The sub-Committee will continue to meet in order to get this information out to committees prior to the start of the school year.

Financial guidelines: Two authorized signatures will be required on all checks. The level of approval for all St. Mary capital spending is dependent on the amount of the expenditure.

Continue update of community structure – Mary Matestic/Dan Paruzynski

A brief overview was given by Mary and then Dan went over some of the specifics. There are five steering commissions: 1) Prayer and Worship, 2) Human Concerns, 3) Christian Formation, 4) Community Life, and 5) Administration/Finance. It was decided that the committee would evaluate/develop the list for discussion.

Closing prayer: *The Lord's Prayer*

Meeting adjourned: 9:30 pm

Minutes submitted by: Linda Jaeschke, Recording Secy. and
Tom Grinker, Secretary

Present:

Theresa Illingworth	Ray Backe
Mary Matestic	Dawn Olander
Tom Grinker	Ray Moon
Rev. Art Heinze	Brian Lownik
Tom Kronschnabl	Paul Cesarz
Tim Welch	Tom Kessenich
Alyssa Mueller	Matt Panhans
Dan Paruzynski	John Roubik

Excused

Fr. Todd Budde	Clem Budny
Patty Ceille	Shirley Klejsmit