

## St. Mary Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday,  
January 11, 2005

**Meeting opened** at 7:00 pm by Ray Moon, Chairperson. **Opening song:** *All are Welcome*, followed by recitation of St. Mary's Mission Statement. **Scripture passage:** *John 1:29-34*, Read by Tom Kessenich. The questions: *Where do you look to find who to follow? Do you testify your beliefs in spiritual matters?* Led to reflection by Council.

**Approval of minutes:** December meeting minutes approved as amended.

### **Review of handouts – Ray Moon**

Documents and committee reports were distributed. Documents are to be placed in the red binders. Ray Moon passed around a sample of the Parish Council booklet that is being put together, complete with color pictures of Councilors. Ray asked Councilors to proofread their bio next to their picture. The booklet will be made available to parish members. 80% of the cost is covered by donations.

### **Pastor's report – no report**

### **Parish Council officers' meeting with Fr. Art – Ray Moon**

Fr. Art met with the Parish Council officers to report that his request for an extension of his assignment at St. Mary has not been approved. Fr. Art received a response from Archbishop Dolan dated December 30, 2004. The letter referred to the outstanding pastoral leadership that Fr. Art has demonstrated so well, but the established policies guiding placement of priests will be abided by. Archbishop Dolan extended his appreciation and genuine thanks to Fr. Art for his term as pastor of St. Mary, Hales Corners.

Fr. Art plans to make a formal announcement at Masses on the January 15-16<sup>th</sup> weekend. Consensus of the Council is to offer unconditional support of Fr. Art and Archbishop Dolan, as Fr. Art prepares to transition to a new assignment.

### **New Beginnings – Mary Matestic**

*New Beginnings* is an opportunity to enrich your faith and enhance your individual spiritual life. It is a three week course which takes a look at what it means to be a modern Catholic. It gives you the opportunity to discover your parish-based vocation, and use the talents that God has given you in new and exciting ways.

Three two-hour classes cover parish, spirituality, and ministry; taking you from membership to discipleship. It is designed to bring members to a new level of understanding of their religious community, spirituality, and role within our parish.

Sessions are on Sundays from 10:15 – 12:00 on January 23 & 30, and February 6, 2005.

### **Liaison reports –**

**Haiti meeting** - Ray Moon reported that there will be a Haiti meeting to discuss the next medical and dental mission. A mission trip is scheduled for April 23 – May 1, 2005. Doctors and dentists are needed to meet the many demands for medical attention by the Haitians.

**Flag pole** – Ray Moon announced that a parishioner has donated money to light the outdoor flag.

**S.W. Interfaith - Linda** Jaeschke reported that S.W. Interfaith will participate in the ‘Community Day’ fundraiser at Boston Store on February 26, 2005. Coupon books are being sold for \$5.00 and all of the profits benefit the S.W. Interfaith program for older adults.

Patti Ceille and Dawn Olander volunteered to get the information out to the St. Mary grade school families. Linda asked that all liaisons take the information back to their committees. Announcement of the fundraiser will be placed in the church bulletin in the upcoming weeks.

**Youth ministry** - see printed report (handout)

**Fire alarms** – Mary Matestic/ Jim Luczyk

Guest, Jim Luczyk was welcomed. Mary and Jim reported on the fire alarm that was pulled by a young child during Mass. It was reported that false alarms have occurred five times now. There is concern that all future alarms will also be assumed as false. Also of concern is that no evacuation policy has been determined. It was identified that the alarm panel did not have an alarm zone map to locate the source of the fire alarm. Also at issue is that not all of the alarm boxes have child protection covers on them because of budget constraints.

It was suggested to have the Fire Inspector come and advise St. Mary on development of an evacuation plan. Consulting an Insurance Agent on an evacuation policy was also suggested.

**Proposed parish administrator position** – Paul Cesarz

Paul distributed copies of the printed memo provided to the Finance Committee, dated January 11, 2005. A request was made to make the position of parish administrator a top priority for funding in the 2005-06 budget. The position was first recommended by the stewardship committee in 2002. A draft of the job description and proposed responsibilities had been approved. It was agreed that the parish would budget for the proposed position when financially able. The new position was omitted from the past three budgets because of financial shortfalls.

Members of the Parish Council are requesting that the Finance Committee find a way to make this necessary position a funded reality in the 2005-06 budget. Clem Budny will take the information to the Finance Committee.

**Athletics** – Dr. Barry Franzen/ Dave Megna

Council welcomed guests, Dr. Barry Franzen and Dave Megna, co-athletic directors at St. Mary. They gave an overview of St. Mary’s athletic program. Student athletes participate in volleyball, soccer, boys and girls basketball, and track. 384 students are participating in the 2004-05 season. Fundraisers include the Christmas wreath sale, participation sign-up fees and volunteer fees. Tournaments and concessions also bring in funds.

Improvements have been made in the community center/gym, such as bleachers, and basketball backboards; motorized room divider, and floor resurfacing.

League fees are nearly \$7,000. Tournament fees are nearly \$5,000.

The athletic committee is donating \$5,000 per year for 3 years to the parish building fund.

Awards banquets are held for the individual sports. Several individual scholarship; academic achievement, and volunteer achievement awards are presented each year.

Future projects were listed: a set of new scoreboards for the gym; a new sound system for the gym and for social events; remodeling of the concession area; construction of a new trophy case; and new uniforms.

A major concern of the Athletic Board is maintenance of the community center during non-athletic events. This needs to be a community effort. There needs to be a clear understanding of who is responsible for daily maintenance, and before/after events. There are also non-functioning fans and water issues that need to be addressed. Ray Moon stated that he will look into these issues.

**Finance Commission report – Clem Budny**

A sub-committee of four members has been formed to determine what maintenance is required and what budget will be required for buildings and grounds. Overall maintenance has to be factored into the annual budget. The sub-committee will report back to the Finance Committee before the budget preparation begins for 2005-06.

**Cluster meeting update – Tim Welch**

Tim Welch stated that the next parish cluster meeting will be held at St. Mary on February 22, 2005. Councilors are encouraged to attend.

**Parish Council Bylaws – Tom Grinker**

Bylaws should be reviewed and revised every 3 – 5 years, according to the Archdiocesan guidelines. Tom Grinker used the template provided by the Archdiocese ‘on line’ and formatted it for St. Mary. The revised Bylaws were reviewed and minor corrections in grammar were made. A motion was made and carried unanimously to accept the Bylaws as amended.

**Closing prayer:** *The Lord’s Prayer*

**Meeting adjourned:** 9:20 pm

**Minutes submitted by:** Linda Jaeschke, Recording Secy.

**Present:**

Theresa Illingworth	Tom Kessenich	Matt Panhans
Mary Matestic	Tom Kronschnabl	
Tom Grinker	Ray Moon	
Fr. Todd Budde	Patti Ceille	
Paul Cesarz	Tim Welch	
Dawn Olander	Mary Campbell	
Dan Paruzynski	Clem Budny	
John Roubik		

**Excused:**

Alyssa Mueller	Fr. Art Heinze
Brian Lownik	Ray Backe