

St. Mary Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday
December 13, 2005

Meeting opened at 7:00 pm by Ray Moon, Chairperson. **Opening song:** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*, followed by recitation of St. Mary's Mission Statement. **Scripture:** *Luke 1:26-38*, read by Gregg Saksefski. Reflection by Councilors followed.

Approval of minutes: November meeting minutes approved with revisions.

Welcome- Steve Borkenhagen, John Kouba, & Pam Lownik – Haiti Committee
Ron Gilles – Director of Administrative Services

Update on ministry to Haiti sister parish – Steve Borkenhagen & Pam Lownik

A Financial statement of St. Mary's Haiti outreach was distributed. Questions were answered about receipts, which include donations, memorials, and fundraisers. Disbursements were explained, which include the new community center, mission trip expenses, cistern projects, chapel school funding, and trade school improvements.

Substantial gifts of \$100,000 and \$50,000 from two parish donors were received over the past year to benefit Haiti. The \$100,000 gift was designated for a community center in Latiboliere.

The Haiti Committee recommends that St. Mary's approve funding of three major requests made by our sister parish:

1) The ongoing community center project. 2) A sewing school, which requires renovation of an existing building. 3) Replace the vehicle owned by Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Latiboliere. Their only means of transportation was totally destroyed in an accident.

A motion was made & seconded to approve the expenditures as presented by the Haiti Committee. Motion accepted unanimously.

Pastor's report – Fr. Chuck Schramm

Fr. Chuck began by stating, "I am in awe of the spir

Finance Committee quarterly meeting liaison report – Clem Budny

A quarterly meeting of the Finance Committee was held on November 28, 2005.

Monthly envelopes and weekly offertory collections are slightly ahead of last year’s totals through October.

The roofing project has been paid for, as well as the church door refinishing project.

The school is ahead of their budget due to the increased enrollment, thus increased tuition funding.

The 2006-2007 budget process will begin after Christmas.

The letter from Mark Wimmer was addressed. The operating budget and building fund budget will remain separate, since they are easier to understand in a separate format.

Seven institutions have been contacted regarding the re-financing of the church mortgage. The Re-finance sub-committee will then compare the proposals.

A sub-committee has been formed to start thinking of creative ways to approach the next building fund campaign which starts in 2007.

Financial update – Ron Gilles

Proposals from the seven mortgage institutions have been requested by December 24th, so they can be examined by the Re-finance Committee. Our mortgage loan balance is \$4,724,845 at this time.

Loan interests have increased significantly on our current variable rate loans.

Overall, collections have been good. Fluctuations in envelope collections seem to balance out.

Christmas being on a Sunday will result in one less collection this year.

Approximately \$3,600 was collected at the Sunday Masses for the St. Mary crisis fund.

Tim Welch, liaison to St. Vincent de Paul, added that approximately \$9,500 was collected from the Thanksgiving fund drive, giving the organization an approximate balance of \$11,000 to help our parishioners in need this winter.

Closing prayer: *Mary’s Song*, musical meditation which reflected on Luke’s gospel, from the opening scripture reading.

Meeting adjourned: 8:55 pm

Minutes submitted by: Linda Jaeschke, Recording Secy.

Present

Clem Budny	Gregg Saksefski	Liz LeGant	Brendt Zydowicz
Julie Schultz	Dan Paruzynski		
Tom Grinker	Tom Krownschnabl		
Mary Campbell	Patti Ceille		
Fr. Chuck Schramm	Tim Welch		
Paul Stewart	Mary Matestic		
Ray Moon	Dawn Olander		
Fr. Todd Budde			

Excused

Theresa Illingworth	Bob Stollenwerk
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