

St. Mary Parish Council Meeting
January 8, 2008

Meeting opened: 7:05PM by Mary Campbell, Chairperson.

Gathering hymn: Let There Be Peace.

Scripture passage: Matthew 3:13-17, led by Joyce Roesler.

Share/reflect: Councilors shared their reflections on the scripture passage.

November Parish Council minutes approved.

Formation – Fr. Stephen Forrest

Will be emailed to the Council.

Guest/Visitor Comments – None

Staff Presentation – Tim Winters

Rich Curran will speak on the subjects of volunteers and recruiting on January 28th. He will also speak to the Confirmation students on the following Monday. Tim spoke of the challenges facing the youth and youth ministries and concluded with a video concerning the Pine Ridge Mission.

Pastor's report - Fr. Stephen Forrest

Fr. Stephen discussed the role of Council and how that role is communicated to the parish at large.

A Strategic Communications Committee will be formed to address areas of related needs and focuses.

Finance & administrative services- Ron Gilles

A feasibility study has been approved for the Columbarium by the Archdiocese.

A proposal for a Celebration Courtyard featuring memorial bricks has been presented to the parish. This would be in the area of the existing labyrinth. Ron has solicited Council comments on this item.

The budget process for 2008-2009 has begun.

Youth report – Nathan Ceille and Liza Pincsak

Next Youth Group meeting is January 29th. Some items that the group is investigating are:

Mission Trip Recruiting

Festival Bands (Youth oriented)

Activity Night (Dodge ball?)

Fundraising Policy-Dan Roskopf

The new policy was presented by Dan. After discussion and discernment, the policy was unanimously approved.

A cover letter will be prepared by

Ron Gilles for presentation to parties and committees concerned.

Spiritual Life and Workshop– Gregg Saksefski

Greg attended the Spiritual Life Commission meeting. He found it worthwhile and emailed details to Council.

Some Christmas service concerns:

- 1. Should we look at renting large screen TV for gathering space for Christmas Masses? 1400 people attended the 4:00 PM mass.*
- 2. Should we consider a no smoking/incense service for Christmas?*

Goals – Fr. Stephen Forrest

Fr. Stephen presented the ongoing process to establish Council goals. A subcommittee was formed to determine and prioritize those goals. Members are Fr. Stephen, Mary Campbell, Joyce Roesler, Lorie Scheinkoenig, Bob Landowski and Bob Stollenwerk.

Building and Grounds – Dan Roskopf

Dan covered several areas:

1. Thanks to the volunteers who mulched the parking lot islands.
2. Ceiling tile replacement continues in the school.
3. A study to outsource janitorial service has been completed. Not found to be cost effective.
4. We will be accepting bids this summer for lower parking lot work.
5. Several roof issues have come up on copper roof (church). Repairs will be done as weather allows.

Revival – Mary Matestic

The Parish Revival is February 10th –13th. Advertisements and event schedules will be in the bulletins. The web site banners, and posters will also be used.

Retreat – Pam Lownik

A morning retreat for Parish Staff and Council is scheduled for January 12th.

Closing prayer: Revival Prayer was prayed, followed by the Sign of Peace.

Meeting adjourned at 9:27PM.

Minutes submitted by Jenni Jackson, Recording Secretary

Next meeting: February 7, 2008

Present

Clem Budny	Mary Campbell	Nathan Ceille	Chris Charapata
Kelty Chelius	Bob Landowski	Mary Matestic	Dan Roskopf
Julie Rafenstein-Schultz	Joyce Roesler	Gregg Saksefski	Fr.Stephen Forrest Pam Lownik
	Liza Pincsak	Tim Welch	
Lorie Scheinkoenig	Jenni Jackson	Bob Stollenwerk	Tim Teske

Excused

Fr.Chuck Schramm