

St. Mary Parish Council Meeting
January 13, 2009

Meeting opened: 6:31 by Mary Campbell

Gathering hymn: Let There Be Peace on Earth

Pray: Challenged by Baptism, nourished in Eucharist, we commit to ongoing transformation in order to build the reign of God in Family, workplace and society.

Scripture passage: John 1:35-42

Share/reflect: Father Chuck facilitated the discussion and then Council members shared and reflected.

Haiti Prayer –

November Parish Council minutes approved as amended

Guest/Visitor– None

Pastor's report - Fr. Chuck Schramm

Thank you to the Faith Formation individuals who put together the nice presentation. We are working on ways to enhance our adult experience and freshen things up a bit for all interested Parishioners to help us all grow and develop.

Youth Report- Megan Kuchenbecker

Decembers Youth Mass went well. There is another service on Jan. 18th. They will be making cookies on Friday the 16th for the south side meal program. On Jan. 25th there will be a meeting for the confirmation candidates and their sponsors where Rich Curron will be the presenter. SPARC will be at Penfield on February 14th for a Valentines Day party. Thank you to all the youth that helped with the food drive. Your support is appreciated!

Financial report- Ron Gilles

When the December financials closed we reflected a shortage of approximately \$8,000.00. We needed \$507,000.00 in charitable contributions and received \$499,000.00. However our fiscal year, July-June, is down approximately \$26-27,000.00. A budget for the staff is currently under way. There is a meeting next Tuesday, January 20th, to meet with staff and listen to their concerns and set up a separate fund for Faith in Our Future as required by the Archdiocese. A current tally of pledges shows that pledges are down approximately \$8,000.00 from last year. Tom Kelm, the full time maintenance individual, had foot surgery on January 6th. George Cichncki is currently filling in during Tom's absence. Thank you George!

Catholic Formation and Education Commission-Jim Beuscher and Tim Winters

There are currently 4 parts to this commission: School, Child, Youth, and Adult Lifelong Faith. This commission is responsible for planning, guiding and assessing the needs of the programs offered to our Community. Their mission is to carry out the church's mission through members of the Parish and School. There are currently 3 goals: Empower people to live as disciples, draw people to participate in life/work mission and to help foster and develop the Catholic Identity. How are these goals met?

Children Ministry: to coordinate grade-schoolers who do not attend St. Mary's School to reveal Jesus in their lives by listening to the children, assisting them in understanding the meaning of God in their lives and witnessing with them. There are 4 pillars the children are taught: profession of faith (belief), celebration of Christian Ministry (worship), life in Christ (live), and Christian prayer (pray). This portion of the commission includes but is not limited to: Lunch Ministry, Movie Night, Vacation Bible School, and Parent education.

Parish School: to explore together how to lead a life or prayer, the Christian Moral code, and how to carry this not only into school and the parish, but also into our community. The task is Liturgical education: moral education, faith promotion, teaching how to pray and connect with the whole community.

Youth Ministry: Middle and High School students are encouraged to share their gifts with the larger community. The components are: Advocacy, Catechesis, Community Life, Justice and Service, Evangelization, Leadership Development, Pastoral Care, and Prayer and worship.

Adult and Family Worship: This includes the same pillars as the Child Ministry but includes additional things: Small Communities (currently 18 groups), RCIA (adult confirmation), St. Paul Society, Date your Mate, Marriage Prep, and Adult Catechesis.

Goal: This year the goal is to have a monthly meeting with Wendy, Tim, Jim and Gina. They would like to work on: How to correspond across all 4 groups, build accessibility of service to individuals, and collaboration of the groups.

Liaison Reports-

Lorie Scheinkoenig: We have selected 2 Lenten Outreach Programs to support: Haiti and St. Vincent De Paul. Fred Majestic will be notified that there will not be a special collection this year because SVDP was selected as one of the outreaches. A discussion was held about current spending in Haiti. The working budget is \$12,000.00. We commit these funds for a Healthcare clinic there. There will be a new 18 month plan published shortly in the bulletin.

Cathy Marbach: Home School is dedicating an award to Andrea Kozack.

Mission Statement Review-Mary Campbell

Council was provided with a copy of the current mission statement. Discussion was held. Questions were asked: What do we really want our statement to say? Is it easily remembered? What does it mean to the average parishioner? Consensus was that we should look at possible revision the statement. Pam Lownik will bring this up as a discussion topic for the Staff meeting next week and will bring back their input.

Capital Campaign Update- Fr Stephan

Mary received a call commending Kely on a wonderful job communicating the Capital Campaign.

Yesterday was the first meeting of the campaign leaders and our liaison. A multitude of information was shared. Involvement is crucial. Fr. Stephen will email a timeline of what we need to do by June and where we currently are. We are still looking for a Campaign Chair. An email will also be sent out showing where the Archdioceses funds will be invested (we are looking into also loading this document onto the website.). Please share with your parish contacts the great things the Archdioceses is planning to do with these funds. Also be sure to communicate that we are not taking out any new debt; our fundraising efforts are to reduce our current debt. The search for an experienced Videographer is still under way.

Financial Commission Update- Don Roback

The Financial/Administrative committee has met and they see several needs. The needs are:

Personnel Committee-staff council collaboration, look at staff, practices, and collaboration.

Stewardship Committee-We need to focus on time and talent as well as fundraising (keep this committee on a permanent basis).

It was agreed that the current committee members would stay involved, define items and bring back to the group.

Discernment, Committee Volunteers- Dan Roskopf

There are 5 people whose positions end in June: Chris Charapata, Lorie Scheinkoenig, Pam Lownik, Joyce Roesler, and Mary Campbell. The Bylaws were rewritten to discern once with a 2-year commitment and continue up to 6 years as one chooses, but are not retroactive to current members on Council. A group needs to be formed to discuss engaging the parish to fill these vacancies. Dan Roskopf, Kely Chelius, Bob Landowski, Cathy Marbach, and Lorie Scheinkoenig have volunteered. There will also be the 3 officer positions that need to be filled: Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary. We only have 5 months to work this out.

Closing prayer: Our Father was prayed, followed by the Sign of Peace.

Meeting adjourned at 9:01PM.

Minutes submitted by Jenni Jackson, Recording Secretary

Next meeting: February 10, 2009

Present

Fr. Chuck Schramm
Bob Landowski
Fr. Stephen Forrest
Cathy Marbach
Don Roback

Tom Warner
Mary Campbell
Jenni Jackson
Bob Stollenwerk

Chris Charapata
Dan Roskopf
Megan Kuchenbecker
Pam Lownik
Kelty Chelius

Lorie Scheinkoenig
Joyce Roesler
Clem Budny
Ron Gilles

Excused

Tim Welch

Cara D'Amico