

**St. Mary Parish Council Meeting
February 10, 2009**

Meeting opened: 6:30 by Mary Campbell

Gathering hymn: Be Not Afraid

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: Mark 1:40-45

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

Haiti Prayer –

January Parish Council minutes approved as amended

Guest/Visitor– None

Welcome – Gina Brown

The WKCE testing shows that almost all students at St. Mary's School are proficient or advanced; that is all this test shows. IOWA Basics shows good results for student in 2-

Pastor's report - Fr. Chuck Schramm

There was a Prayer Service offered for those who have lost their jobs or are concerned with losing their jobs. There were about 55 people present. It has been suggested that we consider offering this service again. A subcommittee will meet to discuss this as an option. Pam Lownik will set up a meeting in conjunction with the Crisis Fund. April 25/26 Bishop Sklba will be present for his Parish Visit. He will be meeting with Fr. Chuck April 1 to set up the agenda for that weekend and a meeting with Council. Three individuals have come forward to help in Videographing; all are from Channel 6. It would cost us approximately \$1800-2400.00 to complete the video. This video could also be cut into segments and used for other events. The Capitol Campaign has had their first meeting and they are off and running.

Financial report- Ron Gilles

Operations and Mortgage payments have been combined effective January 1. January year to date was approximately \$65,000.00 below last year. We are projecting approximately \$170,000.00 shortfall of budget this year. Next years budget is underway. It won't be finalized until February 24th. It is being worked out to present a balanced budget. The budget meeting is Monday, March 2 at 7pm.

Finance and Admin Commission- Ron Gilles

It was determined that there is a need for this commission. They have put together what this would look like and an email was sent to Council to review. There was some discussion and the Commission formation has been approved by Council.

LLFF presentation follow-up- All

Postponed until next month

Liturgical Presentation-Dan O'Connor

The Celebration of St. Paul has been well received in the past. There will be a recap of the Monday meetings between the 9 and 11am Sunday masses. Feedback on the video setup in the gathering space for Christmas was very positive. The same set up will be applied to the Easter masses. Thank you to Joe Mesec for contacting the local police to assist with traffic at the Christmas masses. The local Police Department's help is greatly appreciated. The Acoustical Study was sent to Council. It was a long and technical report that mostly reiterated what we already know. A request was made on 02/10/09 for bullet points to specify least to most important improvements that we could do. More information will come to Council as it is received. A request will also be made for cost estimates.

Mission Statement-Pam Lownik

Gina Brown and Jim Beuscher agreed to work on this review and are looking for volunteers to assist. They are looking at sooner vs. later; hopefully before the Lenten Season. A meeting was set for 5pm on February 11th to get started. Fr. Stephen, Pam Lownik, Mary Campbell and Chris Charapata have volunteered to help.

Discernment- Dan Roskopf-

This committee is working very hard. As current Council Members please start making a list of people you feel would be great at serving on the Council and chat with them about it.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:49PM.

Minutes submitted by Jenni Jackson, Recording Secretary

Next meeting: March 10, 2009

Present

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

Tom Warner
Mary Campbell
Jenni Jackson
Bob Stollenwerk
Cara D'Amico

Chris Charapata
Dan Roskopf
Megan Kuchenbecker
Pam Lownik
Kelty Chelius

Joyce Roesler
Tim Welch
Ron Gilles

Excused

Clem Budny

Lorie Scheinkoenig

Don Roback