

**St. Mary Parish Council Meeting**  
**August 11, 2009**

**Meeting opened:** 6:33 by Chris Charapata

**Gathering hymn:** Sing to the Mountains

**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 6: 51-58

**Share/reflect:** Council members shared and reflected.

**Haiti Prayer**

**June Parish Council minutes approved**

**Guest/Visitor**– None

**Pastor's report**-Fr. Chuck

There have been a couple of signs of new life in our parish such as the youth trip to Louisville and Just Faith. These are great signs for our parish. Fall programs and numbers are being reviewed with the staff. Gina Brown is very excited about increasing community building events, making classes more spiritually academic and fun, and assisting teachers on focusing on Jesus and Catholicism.

Congratulations to Fr. Chuck who has been elected to be District Coordinator of District 16. This would mean he could be Dean of our district. However, he will be resigning as head of the Wellness Council.

**Youth report** - Cara D'Amico, Megan Kuchenbecker, Nicole Marie Frittitta

Many of our youth volunteered at the festival. There was a pool party held for the volunteers. The mission trip was a great experience; there were about 21 individuals that went. Their favorite part was the kids. The next teen mass will be August 16<sup>th</sup>. Louisville was a success; the students had a very moving time. Please pray for Cara whose family will be hosting a foreign exchange student from Italy for the next year.

**Financial report**- Ron Gilles

At the end of the fiscal year the parish is at a deficit for \$198,254.00. The procedural audit was done the Monday and Tuesday after the festival; we are still waiting for the report. As of 08/10/2009 we are at 34% of our pledge goal with 11% of our parish families having pledged thus far. School enrollment is at 473 students. We budgeted for 488. Last year we provided financial assistance of \$12,000.00. For 2009-2010 we have provided assistance of \$16,000.00; this figure may increase due to our current economic climate. We do not have the final numbers for the festival yet.

**Finance Contingency Plan**- Steve Borkenhagen

There has been a change in the cash reserves. 2008 they were at \$941,723.00 and in 2009 they are at \$605,327. They are down \$336,396. We have decided to create a contingency plan to coincide with the new budget. The goal of this plan is to conserve our reserve. Ron will monitor our financial situation monthly starting in October. The recommended trigger for a call to action will be an annual projected deficit of \$100,000.00. We would then look at possibly: requiring fulltime staff to have a furlough of 1 day unpaid per 2 week time period, part-time hours to be cut by 10%, and 2 part time positions would be eliminated. Teachers would be exempt. This would save the parish \$6875.00 per month. A lot of discussion was held: Is this set in stone? Can Gina Brown have the creativity to cut other costs? Were other costs reviewed?

These are just recommendations at this time. A motion to accept the plan as a document was made and carried unanimously.

**Discernment**- Don Roback

Discussions were held with council members about who would represent what commission/committee. Please see the attached spreadsheet for the final representations.

**Council Retreat-** Joyce Roesler

Confirmation of your attendance and payment is required by August 11. Discussion was held about what council would like to cover at the retreat. The planning committee will be meeting August 25 for finalize the discussions.

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

**Meeting adjourned** at 9:05 PM

Minutes submitted by Jenni Jackson, Recording Secretary

Next meeting: September 8, 2009

**Present**

Fr. Chuck Schramm

Tom Warner

Bob Landowski

Dan Roskopf

Joyce Roesler

Megan Kuchenbecker

Jenni Jackson

Mary Lang

Clem Budny

Ron Gilles

Nicole Frittitta

Debbie Karegeannes

Bob Stollenwerk

Denise Konkol

Don Roback

Robb Lietinger

Chris Charapata

Kelty Chelius

Cara D'Amico

**Excused**

Cathy Marbach