

**St. Mary Parish Council Meeting
January 12, 2010**

Meeting opened: 6:36 by Chris Charapata

Gathering hymn: You are the Voice

Pray: Celebrating spiritual growth, centered in Christ, through Word, Sacrament, and Service.

Scripture passage: John 1:2-11

Share/reflect: Council members shared and reflected.

Haiti Prayer

December Parish Council minutes approved as amended

Guest/Visitor-

Pastor's report-Fr. Chuck

Father Chuck is on vacation

Youth report - Megan Kuchenbecker and Cara D'Amico

On January 24, 2010 High School Faith Formation resumes; and on January 25, 2010 Middle School resumes. Rich Curran will be speaking to the confirmation candidates. There is expected to be 800-900 people present. There are currently 4 CYM Basketball teams. SPARC is going tubing at Sunburst on January 30, 2010. Council was handed a rough draft of teen activities through the year. On February 10, 2010 there will be a speaker presenting on Internet Crime for Parents. Cara's exchange student experience is going well.

Finance and Contingency Report- Ron Gilles

There has been a resolution to change the church's unemployment program. It will now be set up as a formal trust. For more information please see the attachment. There was a motion to approve the Coperate Resolution of St. Mary Congregation Parish and the motion was carried. We have currently received 687 Families pledges in the Stewardship pledge drive out of over 3000 families. Last year we had 714 families respond. The December numbers are not yet finished and will be emailed to council once completed. However, actual contributions are up from last year. Faith in Our Future is still at about \$527,000.00 in pledges. The budgeting process has been going on since November.

It was mentioned that we desperately need a Stewardship Committee. This is an action item that Don will work on.

Columbarium update- Dan Roskopf

We have received 3 out of the 4 approvals to complete this process. The design is complete. Moving forward the following items will happen: a budget will be approved by the archdioceses, engineers will work on the construction process, we will receive at least 3 bids for the work, the bids will be analyzed, then the final bid will go back to the Archdioceses for final approval. Once this is complete and approved, niches will be for sale.

FAS Commission- David Lownik

Dave was present to answer any questions on endowment. He gave some brief information about the endowment including the following information: it was started 13-14 years ago to fund the needs of the Parish, statements will be posted on our website, the current balance is approximately 1 million dollars, and approximately \$40,000.00 a year is donated to the Parish, the biggest fundraiser for the endowment fund is the Royal Affair.

Parish Council Discernment- Cathy Marbach

This committee will meet Wednesday, January 20th at 5:30 to set strategies and goals. There may be more electronic communication to keep everyone more informed. Fr. Chuck has put together a self evaluation form that may be used again this year for current Councilors. The committee will report back next month on the current openings.

Mission based planning- Don Roback

Since December 4th, this committee has met 5 times and is meeting again in two weeks.

Survey Update- Bob Landowski

Chris is working on a summary of the survey for the Bulletin. We are very close to having the first analysis report of the survey. The data will be analyzed and then grouped into similar topics. Some of the questions that will be answered will be: Who are we? What do we want? Where do we want to be? Opportunities for growth. Once this is all compiled it will be presented to council.

Parish Council/Staff Retreat- Denise Konkol, Mary Lang, Kelty Chelius

This committee is working on RSVP's for the retreat scheduled on February 6 at St. Mary's in room 312 from approximately 8:30-12:30.

Lenten Mission 2010- Debbie Karegeannes

Council received a couple of handouts. We are trying to reach out to more Parishioners. Fr. Fragomeni is coming in to meet with Fr. Chuck. From February 13-17 he will also worship with Fr. Chuck. It's all about Love. The talks given each night are:

- Monday-Falling in Love with God
- Tuesday-Celebrating God's Mercy
- Wednesday-Walking Together, Secure in God's Love.

There is a goal of having Community and Hospitality in the Gathering Space each evening. Parish Council will volunteer to help serve refreshments on the evening of the 16th.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM

Minutes submitted by Jennifer Jackson, Recording Secretary

Next meeting: February 8, 2010

Present

	Bob Landowski	Dan Roskopf	
	Megan Kuchenbecker	Jenni Jackson	
Cathy Marbach	Clem Budny	Ron Gilles	Kelty Chelius
Bob Stollenwerk	Debbie Karegeannes	Denise Konkol	Don Roback
Robb Lietinger	Chris Charapata	Cara D'Amico	Nicole Frittitta

Excused

Fr. Chuck Schramm	Tom Warner	Joyce Roesler	Mary Lang
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