

St. Mary Parish Council Meeting
March 9, 2010

Meeting opened: 6:30 by Chris Charapata

Gathering hymn: Open my Eyes

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: LK15: 1-3, 11-32th

Share/reflect: Council members shared and reflected.

Haiti Prayer

January Parish Council minutes approved as amended-February Council meeting was cancelled due to a snow storm.

Guest/Visitor-

Pastor's report-Fr. Chuck

The Archdioceses will not pass a deficit budget without approval. We are at the stage of looking at personnel. Fr. Chuck has interviewed 2 of the 4 transitional deacons and will write a report to indicate who would be a better fit with our Parish. Fr. Chuck has also interviewed a Pastor applying for the Associate Pastor opening who would then stay on as the Pastor. Sister Mary Ann Kempa was Mary Matestic for a month and she did an excellent job! Fr. Tom Sweetser does parish evaluation throughout the world. He asked if we would be interested in being a Pilot parish for him.

Youth report - Megan Kuchenbecker and Nicole Marie Frittitta

April 16 Confirmation retreat

April 25 next teen mass

February 21 was the previous Teen Mass. The attendance was low due to heavy sports conflicts. The students did stay and hang out for cookies and discussion after the service. Council discussed ways to market the Teen Masses to create more student attendance. One of the items that came up was a Facebook page. Fr. Chuck will discuss this with Tim Winters.

Finance and Contingency Report- Ron Gilles

Financials were sent out to council. We are very close to being on track with the projection through the end of the year. We are still under the contingency threshold but are projecting a year end deficit of \$70,000.00. We are doing well on cutting expenses and are still ahead of last year on the cash coming in. The budget went through its first go through and was \$-100,000.00. There will be another meeting on the 11th for the committee to again re-crunch the numbers and see where costs/expenses can be cut. There is nowhere else to look but at staff. Current considerations to assist in balancing the budget are: 3% tuition increase- we will still be lower than other local private schools; and no increases for staff. There was a discussion amongst the council that included questions about positions, what were they looking at cutting, and where cutting has already been done.

Parish Council Discernment- Cathy Marbach

Discernment is underway. The committee is following previous year's procedures. The due date for nominees is April 15 and Discernment is April 29th led by Chris Warner. There was an informal proposal for our current 2 year commitment people to be extended another year. They will make statements and pray for guidance. There was a motion made and passed to extend Denise Konkol's term for one year.

Mission based planning- Don Roback

The report on the website on March 2nd is excellent. Thank you to everyone for the great effort they made. They are working on creating a look ahead for the parish and will look at items that won't cost money for implementation for the next fiscal year.

Survey Update- Tom Warner and Bob Landowski

Communication-We need to reestablish a Welcoming Committee and find a way to more effectively utilize our Parishioners' talents and offerings. We are planning on promoting the survey results via Sunday announcements and in the Bulletin. These results are posted online for our parishioners to peruse. They may also stop in the Parish office and check out a notebook of the results.

Parish Council/Staff Retreat- Denise Konkol, Mary Lang

The participants gave high marks on almost everything and most comments were positive. The day was a huge success!!!
Thank you to the Retreat committee!!!

Budget Meeting- Don Roback

The budget meeting will be on April 7th at 6:30pm in the Board room.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:34PM

Minutes submitted by Jennifer Jackson, Recording Secretary

Next meeting: April 13, 2010

Present

Fr. Chuck Schramm

Tom Warner

Joyce Roesler

Mary Lang

Bob Landowski

Dan Roskopf

Megan Kuchenbecker

Jenni Jackson

Cathy Marbach

Ron Gilles

Debbie Karegeannes

Denise Konkol

Don Roback

Robb Lietinger

Chris Charapata

Nicole Frittitta

Excused

Bob Stollenwerk

Kelty Chelius

Cara D'Amico

Clem Budny