

**St. Mary Parish Council Meeting**  
**Tuesday**  
**June 21, 2005**

**Meeting opened** at 7:00 pm by Ray Moon, Chairperson. **Opening song:** *All are Welcome*, followed by recitation of St. Mary's Mission Statement. **Scripture:** *Matthew 10:37-42* read by Mary Campbell. The questions: Are we self-centered or God centered? *Is our love open, so we may receive our rewards?* led to reflection by Council.

**Approval of minutes:** May meeting minutes approved as amended.

**Welcome**

New Councilors – Paul Stewart, Julie Schultz & Ron Gilles. (Mary Campbell is already on Council.)

Student Councilors – Liz LeGant & Brent Zydowicz

Newly appointed Trustee/Councilor – Bob Stollenwerk

Fr. Chuck Schramm, to his first Council meeting as Pastor of St. Mary. (Fr. Chuck's first assignment was at St. Mary from 1971 – 1978.)

Buildings & Grounds committee – Joe Rausch

**Review of handouts – Ray Moon**

Committee reports & liaison assignment lists distributed.

**Renaming Christian Formation Commission – Ray Moon for Sr. Josephe` Marie Flynn**

Handout distributed outlining the renaming of the Christian Formation Commission to the Lifelong Faith Formation, thereby more faithfully reflecting the direction of formation efforts in the parish; along with a list of members and goals. "It is the way the Archdiocese is moving."

It was moved and seconded to accept the proposal to change the name from Christian Formation to Lifelong Faith Formation. Passed unanimously.

**Buildings and Grounds report on the parking lot - Joe Rausch.**

Bids were received for repair of the church parking lot, with two layers of seal coat, and re-stripping. Three quotes ranging from \$7,000 - \$8900 were obtained. The Buildings and Grounds Committee has recommended accepting the \$7000 bid from Suburban Asphalt for total repair of the parking lot. Suburban Asphalt has been repairing the lower parking lot at no charge. They also removed around 15 yards of dirt from the island in front of the church where the trees donated by the eighth grade graduates were planted.

It was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously to accept the bid from Suburban Asphalt for repair, re-surfacing, and re-stripping the church parking lot

**Selecting new Council officers – Theresa Illingworth**

Prayerful selection of officers for the 2005-06 term began with an opening prayer; a reading from Scripture: *1 Corinthians, 12: 4-7*; and communal response.

Theresa explained the discernment process. Officers' job descriptions/responsibilities were distributed. Through open dialogue, discernment of the eligible candidates commenced. Results as follows: Chairperson – Ron Moon; Co-Chair – Patty Ceille; Secretary – Ron Gilles. Closing prayer.

**Liaison assignments - Theresa Illingworth**

Referring to the list provided, openings for committee liaisons were pointed out. Discussion will take place at the August Council meeting.

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**Fall Retreat – Theresa Illingworth**

Theresa has secured a location for the Council Retreat. The retreat will begin at 7 pm Friday evening at the Sienna Center in Racine on September 9 and end on Saturday, September 10, after lunch. The total cost of \$55.00/person is due by August 9. Consensus was to go ahead with plans. Mary Matestic will discuss possible topics as a guest at the August agenda planning meeting.

**Talent recognition report – Dan Paruzynski**

Dan drafted a letter to parishioners to explain the volunteer recognition program. There are questions regarding the management & facilitation of this program. Dan will take the suggestions which he received from Councilors and edit the letter which he has drafted.

**Youth ministry report - Brent Zydowicz**

The youth and St. Vincent de Paul members went to the meal program site together.

The retreat and service trip to Springfield, IL planned for June 26 – 28 has been cancelled since sea containers will no longer be sent to Haiti. (They weren't reaching their destination.)

On July 5<sup>th</sup>, Fr. Chuck will meet with the youth for Bible study.

The youth sodded the courtyard of the Mother Theresa Center at the Cathedral.

The youth will have an open gym on Wednesdays.

**Parish Cluster update – Mary Matestic**

St. Martin of Tours will host the next parish cluster meeting which will include all four Parish Councils, Pastors, & parish staffs.

Mass times for the four cluster parishes have been posted in our church bulletin.

Mary is planning for a speaker on social justice for a Sunday in September or October. Each parish will have a table display on a specific issue. People will be able to sign up for a topic of their choosing.

**Closing prayer:** *The Lord's Prayer*

**Meeting adjourned:** 9:25 pm

**Minutes submitted by:** Linda Jaeschke, Recording Secy.

**Present:**

Tom Kessenich	Tim Welch	Fr. Chuck Schramm	Bob Stollenwerk
Theresa Illingworth	John Roubik	Julie Schultz	Mary Matestic
Tom Kronschnabl	Tom Grinker	Ray Moon	Dawn Olander
Mary Campbell	Fr. Todd Budde	Patti Ceille	Dan Paruzynski
Alyssa Mueller	Elizabeth LeGant	Clem Budny	Ron Gilles

**Excused:**

Brendt Zydowicz  
Paul Stewart