

**St. Mary Parish Council Meeting
March 11, 2008**

Meeting opened: 7:03 by Mary Campbell, chairperson.

Gathering Hymn: Hosea

Scripture Passage: Matthew 27: 11-54, Bob Stollenwerk, Tim Teske, Tim Welch

Share/Reflect: Did Jesus have to die? A resounding “yes”.

February Parish Council minutes approved as amended (Tim Welch)

Prayer for Kelty and her brother-in-law Tom.

Guest/Visitor Comments: none

Pastor Report: Fr. Chuck Schramm

Holy Week activities being worked on currently.

Good staff meeting today - a theological/philosophical underpinning of organizational purpose and mission discussed. (see handout based on *Power of Principles* by William Byron)

Youth Report: Nathan Ceille

First High School youth group meeting during Revival with Deacon Bill Goulding - inspirational and group oriented. Second meeting last Wednesday with Fr. Stephen - big group overfilled the boardroom - seemed to be moving in a good direction. Currently in process of developing a core group of youth to direction-set and plan upcoming meetings (this group will meet next Tues.) Fr. Stephen added that he felt a good energy with them.

An open gym is scheduled for this group the end of March.

Twenty-eight youth are going on the June 21st Mission Trip and there is a waiting list started.

Confirmation is going well and a weather-related cancellation has been rescheduled.

Financial Report: Ron Gilles

Forecast for end of calendar (fiscal?) year a \$36,000 deficit, but a large donation is offsetting it so there will be no need for a special collection. Staff has been asked to hold to only necessary spending.

End of February collections ahead of last year's.

Budget: Ron Gilles

Salaries up 2% (salaries make up 72% of total budget)

Tim Welch moved to pass budget as presented, Joyce Roesler second, all in favor, none opposed.

Both regular giving and mortgage giving stable.

Archdiocesan Capital Campaign coming soon. Parish to pledge \$1.6 million over three years (60% comes back to parish and 40% to Archdiocese) which may impact other areas.

The Celebration Courtyard fundraising will be restricted during this capital campaign.

Columbarium: Dan Roskopf

This committee is made up of a wide variety of talented individuals. A cemetery survey needs to be completed as a first step. The committee meets every three weeks and will be looking at feasibility, finances, annuity, and perpetuity in this long process. The committee is looking for a

parishioner who could donate their surveying services.

Discernment: Chris Charapata

Information will go out to parishioners after Easter. Councilors are to think of who they would want to nominate and approach and encourage those parishioners.

Miscellaneous: Mary Campbell

Retreat Survey: collected.

Meeting time change: all agreed to a 6:30 pm start time and Mary Campbell will contact those councilors unable to attend tonight.

Revival: Thank you (from Mary Matestic on behalf of the revival committee) to all that served and cleaned up on that last night.

Council Assignments / Liaison Role Subcommittee: last call - no response.

Parish and Archdiocesan Financial Meeting: Pam Lownik

April 1st (flyer passed around) question and answer forum featuring John Marek from the Archdiocese. All parishioners are encouraged to formulate questions before the meeting and send them to the council e-mailbox. These questions will then be forwarded to the panel.

Commission Report Format: Fr. Stephen Forrest

Question if Commission Chairs should report at a normal council meeting or should a special event be scheduled? Suggestion that a written Commission report should be sent to councilors via email before the event for review, allowing time for questions to the Commission Chairs and discussion. Decision that Commission Chairs will be invited to the regular May council meeting.

Strategic Communications Committee: Fr. Stephen Forrest

The committee has met three times and is focusing on taking the pulse of parishioners, and encouraging better communication in staff, parish, and projects. A website and bulletin assessment/questionnaire has been developed and piloted with staff and is ready to be distributed to parishioners. A Ministry Planning Guide has been produced to be used by staff and ministry leaders with new and recurring projects and ideas.(Guide passed around)

Staff / Council Reflection: Chris Warner

Jim Beuscher, Pam Lownik, and Chris Warner re-committed to planning a follow-up to our January event to continue the staff/council communication and visioning. Is anyone called to participate in this planning from this group? - Tim Welch volunteered. We may be looking at an August date. Chris will question staff and councilor availability via email.

Closing Prayer: Our Father and sign of peace.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

Minutes submitted by Chris Warner, fill-in recording secretary.

Next Meeting Tues. April 10, 2008

Present

Mary Campbell
Bob Stollenwerk
Ron Gilles
Fr. Stephen Forrest
Chris Charapata
Fr. Chuck Schramm

Julie Rafenstein Schultz
Tim Teske
Tim Welch
Dan Rsokopf
Chris Warner

Clem Budny
Bob Landowski
Nathan Ceille
Lorie Scheinkoenig
Joyce Roesler

Excused

Kelty Chelius
Gregg Saksefski

Mary Matestic
Liza Pincsak

Jenni Jackson