

**St. Mary Parish Council Meeting**  
**April 14, 2009**

**Meeting opened:** 6:30 by Dan Roskopf

**Gathering hymn:**

**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 20:19-31

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

**Haiti Prayer**

**March Parish Council minutes approved as amended**

**Guest/Visitor**– None

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

Bishop Sklba's visit has been postponed to September 26-27, the 6<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our new church. The Easter Liturgies were beautiful and it appears that attendance was up. The video feed was great; thank you to all of those who were involved with these services. Fr. Stephan is in England visiting his family for the next 2 weeks. Archbishop Dolan has left. The Catholic Stewardship is underway; we are currently at \$56,000.00. The crisis fund is at approximately \$10,000.00. Thank you to Jockey for donating multiple boxes for Undies Sunday and to Ron Gilles for his assistance with the donation.

**Youth report** - Megan Kuchenbecker

There has been one Confirmation Class. They had a teen mass on Palm Sunday. This was great! On April 25<sup>th</sup> there is a Confirmation Retreat. There were a couple of youth that helped wash feet on Holy Thursday. A group of teens went to Penfield today. Megan will let us know next month how that visit went. Thank you to Megan and Cara for all of their help this past year. They are doing a great job!

**Financial report**- Ron Gilles

March financials will be a little late; there were a couple of vacations in the office. However, the numbers will be completed by the end of the week. The envelope collection in March is down about \$70,000.00 year to date. New tuition schedules were sent out to school families. Ron will put a letter together to be sent home in the red folder to explain how the fees are calculated and increased. Our rates are compared to local parish school rates and our cluster rates. We have historically been significantly lower in our area. The school is currently subsidized 35-40% by the Parish. There has been a lot of interest in the Columbarium; a brochure is being created for educational purposes for our parishioners. It was also suggested that Fr. Chuck be interviewed and the interview be uploaded to YouTube.

**Capitol Campaign Update**- Council

There is a Faith in Our Future meeting next Tuesday. Both videographers are ill. We are praying for their speedy recovery and should have an update on the video within the next week. Informational packets will be sent out on Mothers Day. It was also suggested that the video be streamed on our website or put order forms in the packets.

**Discernment**- Cathy Marbach

There are currently 6 adults and 1 teen interested in discerning. There is a meeting on April 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 for discernment. A motion to increase youth representation was made and carried. We hope to have 3 youth reps in the future.

**Bread for Our World** – Lorie Scheinkoenig

This organization has been around for over 30 years. April 25/26 there will be prewritten letters and blank pages for individuals to write their own letters in support of reforming how foreign aid is distributed to third world countries.

### **Mortgage Proxy- Ron Gilles**

We have gone to the Archdioceses for approval of receiving a proxy waiver to change the term of St. Mary's mortgage; the proxy was approved. All information was submitted to Catholic Knights. They came back with 2 proposals that expire on April 15th; both have been submitted to the Finance Committee.

Time	15 year	20 year
Rate	7.25	7.75
Fees	\$10,000.00(usually \$30,000.00)	\$10,000.00(usually \$30,000.00)
Requirements:	Procedural Audit(cost \$6-10,000.00 or pay additional \$20,000.00 in fees)	Procedural Audit(cost \$6-10,000.00 or pay additional \$20,000.00 in fees)
Time added	3 years	8 years
Save Parish in annual budget	\$72,000.00 a year	\$115,000.00 a year
Effect on budget 09-10 budget	Reduces budget shortfall to \$57,000.00	Reduces budget shortfall to \$12,000.00
Other	-Prepayment fee for the first 5 years starting at 5% reduced 1% each year. -No option to rewrite with Catholic Knights for first 2 years of mortgage.	-Prepayment fee for the first 5 years starting at 5% reduced 1% each year. - No option to rewrite with Catholic Knights for first 2 years of mortgage.

There was much discussion about the mortgage options, alternate options, or utilizing the mortgage reserve accumulated in prior years. The Finance Committee is recommending the 20 year option.

A motion was made to proceed with the 20 year option and a vote was taken. The motion was not carried. There was more discussion and a motion was made to proceed with the 15 year option and this motion also was not carried. The mortgage discussion is being sent back to the Finance Committee. There will be an emergency meeting of the Finance Committee to discuss these and alternate options. Ron will check with Jeff Boehman to verify that they can extend our options until the end of April. Jeff has mentioned multiple times that he and Catholic Knights want St. Mary's to do what is right for the parish.

### **Retreat Summary-Pam Lownik**

Comments from the retreat were sent via email to council. It has been decided that we should revisit our mission statement. A committee will be formed to review it. Starting volunteers include Cathy Marbach, Tom Warner, Dan O'Conner and Fr. Chuck. Pam will recruit at the staff level.

**Other-** There have been about 1369 email address collected thus far. The first meeting for the unemployed went well. Over 50 people attend and it was a great networking event. The Finance Administrative Committee will meet at St. Mary's April 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. They are in need for people to volunteer for the Personnel Committee.

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

**Meeting adjourned** at 8:52PM.

Minutes submitted by Jenni Jackson, Recording Secretary

Next meeting: May 12, 2009

### **Present**

Fr. Chuck Schramm

Tom Warner

Bob Landowski

Dan O'Conner

Pam Lownik

Jenni Jackson

Cathy Marbach

Bob Stollenwerk

Kelty Chelius

Lorie Scheinkoenig

Dan Roskopf

Megan Kuchenbecker

Ron Gilles

Clem Budny

Joyce Roesler

Tim Welch

Don Roback

**Excused**

Fr. Stephen Forrest

Mary Campbell

Chris Charapata

Cara D'Amico