

St. Mary Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday
October 11, 2005

Meeting opened at 7:00 pm by Ray Moon, Chairperson. **Opening song:** *One Spirit One Church*, followed by recitation of St. Mary's Mission Statement. **Scripture:** *Matthew 22:15-21*, read by Tom Kronschnabl. The questions: *How do you decide what belongs to Caesar, and what belongs to God? Under what circumstances have you felt faith and civic loyalty collide?* led to reflection by Council; followed by prayerful petitions.

Approval of minutes: September meeting minutes approved with corrections.

Welcome-

Frank Janiszewski & Rudy Zvers – Parish Festival Chairpersons
Ron Gilles – Director of Administrative Services

2005 Parish Festival update – Frank Janiszewski/ Rudy Zvers

The festival was a success, mostly due to the parish involvement of many dedicated volunteers. Revenues were approximately the same as last year. Expenses went up in almost every area. \$105,000 will be given to the parish. \$2,000 was spent to replace tables & chairs.

Rudy & Denise Zvers and Frank & Pam Janiszewski will return as the chairpersons for our 25th anniversary of the parish festival; their 4th and final year. They are looking for co-chairs to take over the following year.

Over \$5,000 and the roof have been donated thus far for a storage garage. The design has not yet been determined. The goal is to get all of the materials and labor donated. The excavating and concrete are priority needs at this time.

Julie Schultz, Council liaison to the Festival Committee, added that the suggestion was made to get the school families and staff more involved in volunteering for the festival.

Next year's festival will be one week later: July 14, 15, & 16.

Pastor's report – Fr. Chuck Schramm

Theological discussions with Staff are taking place. Decisions and plans will be shared as they are made.

Youth ministry report - Brendt Zydowicz

To bring awareness to the needs of the homeless, our youth will sleep out in cardboard boxes on November 4th.

There is more work to be done at the Cathedral with the plantings of the perennials.

A fundraiser is being discussed. The hope is to get more freshmen and sophomores involved.

Right now only about 20 kids attend the meetings.

Financial update – Ron Gilles

Fr. Chuck feels that the Parish Council should be made aware of parish finances with more frequent financial updates. Ron Gilles explained that he will e-mail a monthly statement to Councilors prior to each Parish Council meeting. Ron addressed questions.

A third quote for refinishing the front church doors was received and a decision will be made soon as to which contractor will get the bid. The goal is to get the work done before inclement weather arrives. The church and office windows have been cleaned at a cost of \$4,100.

On October 10th, a Refinancing Committee was formed. The group agreed that this is the time to start looking at options for refinancing. The committee will be gathering information.

Athletics liaison report – Tom Kronschnabl

Accounts are ‘in good shape’. Volleyball and soccer teams have been formed; basketball teams are forming. Tournaments are scheduled.

The Athletic Board purchased and installed a new sound system, score boards, and cabinet to replace the leaking water fountains. The bleachers and team benches are working well. The floor near the new cabinet was repaired due to the water leak and a new ball rack was made. All improvements were paid for through the Athletics Board account. The wreath sale takes place in November.

Future improvements will include the concession area and a trophy case.

Parish School Committee liaison report – Dan Paruzynski

Exit survey results were shared at the meeting. Exit surveys are given to eighth grade graduates and to families who have left the school. It was noted that a number of families drop out as their children get to the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade level. Ways to keep these families need to be explored.

Elizabeth Ministry – Mary Matestic /Julie Schultz

Elizabeth Ministry began nine years ago as a visitation and support to new moms. It has progressed to a ‘crisis intervention’ mode. The issue of couples struggling with infertility has surfaced. To address the spiritual component of infertility, a Mass will be said for these couples on Saturday, October 15th, the feast day of St. Gerard. Fr. Dominic will anoint the couples. It is open to the Archdiocese.

Julie Schultz plans to start an infertility support group. The Infertility Companion book has been a wonderful resource.

Revisit goals established at the Parish Council retreat - Ray Moon

A bookmark was designed by Theresa Illingworth and distributed to Councilors:

REMEMBER... some is better than none.

St. Mary's Parish needs to ... be RELAVENT to its stakeholders. LISTEN to its stakeholders. Begin an INTER-GENERATIONAL dialogue. Reinforce what already makes St. Mary's STRONG. Pay attention to and nurture DEEP PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS. Be made aware of POVERTY within our own community. Value the INDIVIDUAL. Broaden our VOLUNTEER base.

Thank you Theresa for summing up our goals so eloquently.

Parish Cluster update – Mary Matestic

The event which took place on September 25th “was an awesome experience”.

The next collaborative meeting for all four parish staffs and councils is on Wednesday, October 12 at St. Martin of Tours. Everyone is encouraged to attend if possible.

Mary asked Council for input on where you see ‘us’, *St. Mary*, in this process of collaboration.

Discussion took place. Fr. Chuck added that there will continue to be a struggle until all of the Pastors get involved in supporting the effort. Some accomplishments have been made.

Closing prayer: *The Lord's Prayer*

Meeting adjourned: 9:17 pm

Minutes submitted by: Linda Jaeschke, Recording Secy.

Present

Clem Budny

Mary Matestic

Tom Grinker

Mary Campbell

Fr. Chuck Schramm

Tom Kronschnabl

Dawn Olander

Bob Stollenwerk

Fr. Todd Budde

Gregg Saksefski

Julie Schultz

Ray Moon

Patti Ceille

Paul Stewart

BrendtZydowicz

Dan Paruzynski

Tim Welch

Excused

Liz LeGant

Theresa Illingworth