

St. Mary Parish Council Meeting
February 13, 2007

The **meeting opened** at 7:05 pm by Dan Paruzynski, Chairperson.

Gathering hymn: *We are Marching*. **Scripture passage:** *Luke 6:27-38*, read by Tom Kronschnabl, followed by recitation of the Parish Mission Statement.
Share/reflect: Councilors shared their reflections on the scripture passage.

January **meeting minutes accepted** as amended.

Youth ministry report - Tony Haning/Jonathan Kozak

*Tony reported: January 28th, St. Mary hosted a Confirmation candidate/sponsor session. *Confirmation is not Graduation* was presented by national speaker, Lee Nagel. Fourteen parishes participated with over 950 attendees.

On February 11th, Fr. Chuck gave a presentation to the Confirmation candidates on *Morality and Conscience Formation*.

Candidates and sponsors from St. Mary and area parishes will meet at St. Alphonsus on March 11th to hear Fr. Art Heinze speak on *Eucharist*.

*High school Christian Formation classes resumed on January 21st. A mini-retreat was given by the National Evangelization Team, in collaboration with St. Alphonsus, on February 4th.

*St. Mary students will facilitate the March 11th Lenten collection for the Pregnancy Help Center, and also visit the center.

*The mission trip to Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota is set for June 23-29. The team of adults and student participants will meet for an orientation in March.

*Jonathan reported: St. Mary has two boy & two girl teams participating in the CYM basketball league. St. Mary hosted three games so far in January and February. The season will end with a tournament. Gratitude was extended to the six coaches for all of their time and effort in working with our youth.

*A dance held on January 19th for the middle school students was very successful with 169 students attending. Middle school students will participate in Stations of the Cross, followed by pizza, on February 23rd.

Pastor's report/Lenten report - Fr. Todd Budde

Fr. Todd reported that the parish office will again have extended hours. Volunteers will be available from 5:30 - 8 pm on M-Tu-W evenings to receive calls, as well as Saturday mornings from 8:30 - 12:30.

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to remind parishioners that Lent is near. The response has been positive.

1200 books for Lent have been distributed and 400 more have been ordered. *The Little Black Book* offers six-minute meditations on the Passion according to Matthew, which begins with the Sunday before Ash Wednesday, February 18th. *The Little White Book* is available for children.

Ash Wednesday is February 21st. All of the Lenten services are listed on the Lenten calendar, such as Sunday evening prayer at 4:00 pm, Stations of the Cross, and the dc dc d d hf d d h fh d a h d d Sgh d gd dh
Enter into Lent". Communal Reconciliation is on March 28th.

Finance & administrative services – Ron Gilles, Director of Administrative Services
Finance: Ron has been reporting on deficits in monthly contributions through December of \$25,000. Contributions were on the rebound in January, with a deficit now of \$20,000.
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Marketing Group: The Marketing Group is optimistic with how the pledges are coming in. They will track the January thru March contributions and then re-evaluate donations. Parishioners who have given \$100 or less over the past three years will be focused on. They will receive a phone call, pastoral in nature, to solicit feedback.

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donation toward the principle debt. All parishioners who return their pledge card will be thanked.

Discernment process - Mary Campbell/Julie Schultz
Nomination of potential Parish Council candidates will take place on the weekend of March 24-25. Councilors were asked to volunteer to be present before and after all Masses on that weekend to address any questions or concerns.

Discernment of candidates will take place on April 16th or April 23rd. A facilitator for the discernment process has yet to be determined. Councilors: Mary Campbell, Julie Schultz and Chris Charapata will be present at the discernment to answer b clx d dh
The Archdiocesan orientation for new Council members will take place on May 7th.

The annual Parish Council retreat has been scheduled for September 21-22 so the newly discerned Councilors can be made aware of the dates. Julie reported that Mary Matestic g ffd dc e L L h h d d ...nourished by Eucharist...as a hhh e gd gd d e gh d d d E gd chb h e gd d d a dc
for a later meeting.

Dreams and Visions for our Future – Dan Paryzynski

The document *Dreams and Visions for our Future 2003* has been re-evaluated and a new list of goals and actions have been developed. Councilors have each chosen one area to explore further, summarize their discussions, and report their findings.

Stewardship: Lorie Scheinkoenig, Pam Lownik, & Joyce Roesler met with Chris Warner, Time & Talent Ministry Coordinator. Lorie distributed a summary of their meeting. Lorie & Pam presented their proposal, which included formation of a standing Stewardship Committee. Council agreed that a Stewardship Committee be developed to address time, talent and treasure.

Another meeting will take place at which Chris Warner will advise the Councilors on the next steps to the development of a Stewardship Committee.

Education: Gregg Saksefski, Mary Campbell & Fr. Todd have plans to meet with the Lifelong Faith Formation Committee and with school staff to review the 2003 document and determine what action is needed in the area of education.

Physical environment: Tom Kronschnabl & Dan Paruzynski presented six action items for consideration:

- Recruit more parishioners to accept responsibility for the cleanliness of the church and gathering space. Communicate with the group that currently provides the cleaning.
- Provide a secure room for the SVDP society, their private conferences and clients. It would be best to communicate with the SVDP members to determine specific needs. A study of our facility may make the food pantry process more efficient.
- Providing a child-friendly room near the gathering space may be an issue for some young families, but not for everyone. It was determined that this is not a major issue since there are already options for parents, such as the child care that is provided during Mass. Signage and bulletin announcements have recently notified parents of our child care services.
- A parish/school master calendar/schedule of room availability should be readily accessible to *all* chairpersons and parish leaders. It was noted that this issue has add cc d dc a g h f gd hg b d c h a d L hd
The calendar is continuously updated.
- Make the fire exits at the front of the church safer. There are no stairs or sidewalk at the exit on Edgerton Ave. and the hill is rather steep outside that fire exit.
- A comprehensive maintenance plan for the buildings, grounds, and all major equipment is needed. Regular maintenance schedules need to be coordinated and monitored in one designated area. The Buildings and Grounds Committee is actively addressing issues relating to outdoor maintenance.

Communication: Julie Schultz

There are issues relating to the Communication Center volunteers. Volunteers need to be better trained and made better aware of current events and information in order to provide accurate responses to questions and concerns of parishioners.

In order for the Parish Council photo frame to be more easily accessible and visible to parishioners, it should be moved from the hallway and be more centrally located. Near the Communication Center has been suggested.

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APC District Assembly – Gregg Saksefski

Gregg provided a handout of the APC Assembly meeting summary and presented the highlights of the meeting. Of note: St. Mary will host a symposium on March 21st to discuss the Capital Campaign that will be undertaken to fund Catholic education and faith formation.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm

Minutes submitted by Linda Jaeschke, Recording Secretary

Next meeting: March 13, 2007

Present

Fr. Todd Budde	Gregg Saksefski
Pam Lownik	Jonathan Kozak
Mary Campbell	Dan Paruzynski
Ron Gilles	Lorie Schoenkoenig
Bob Stollenwerk	Julie Schultz
Chris Charapata	Tom Kronschnabl
Tony Haning	

Excused

Paul Stewart	Mary Matestic
Joyce Roesler	Fr. Chuck Schramm
Dawn Olander	Justin Panhans
Clem Budny	Patty Ceille