

St. Mary Parish Council Meeting
November 13, 2007

The meeting opened at 7:00PM by Mary Campbell, Chairperson.

Gathering hymn: Blest Be the Lord. Scripture passage: Luke 21: 5-19, led by Chris Charapata, followed by recitation of the Parish Mission Statement.

Share/reflect: Councilors shared their reflections on the scripture passage.

October Parish Council minutes approval was amended.

Pastor's report - Fr. Chuck Schramm

- Thank you to all who are praying for his recovery, as well as to all who are helping out in his absence. He is slowly working his way back to full strength.

Gathering Space Policy - Fr. Chuck Schramm

- Consideration was given to council's comments on the GSP. However, it was approved as presented after discussing with Tom Kelm. Tom expressed serious concern about the mess and potential damage to property from plant sales. Council will have the option of reviewing the policy after one year if issues arise.

Finance & administrative services- Ron Gilles, Director of Administrative Services

- Sunday envelopes were ahead of last year's totals for June, July and August, but approximately \$50,000 below what was budgeted.

The Financial handout has been adjusted to show a comparison between the YTD Actual results to the YTD Budgeted results.

- Handouts were given to Council detailing Faith in Our Future and the Capital Campaign.

Youth report – Nathan Ceille

- Sixteen youth volunteered to help pack Thanksgiving boxes for St. Vincent De Paul. Donations will be collected from each Mass on November 17-18.
- The representatives were challenged to come up with new interesting ideas for the youth of the parish. Research began by looking at the web-sites of other parishes. For example, St. Dominic's goal is to have a youth activity every month. They also participate in "group work camps" sometimes totaling 400 kids that they use for mission trips.

Welcoming Committee – Chris Charapata

- Eight new parishioners participated in the welcoming event Saturday, November 3. New parishioners met existing parishioners and were welcomed as part of St. Mary's family. The next welcoming event is scheduled for December 3 and one is also planned for January. The committee will reevaluate after the January event.

Athletics – Chris Charapata

- The volleyball season was a success. Basketball practices are underway. There was a strong focus on sportsmanship and following playing guidelines when talking with the coaches this year.
- The wreath sale is complete and all are happy with the outcome. Pick up is this weekend.
- The athletic committee will donate \$200 to the Penfield Children's Center and the St. Francis Xavier Foreign

Missionary Council is in charge of selling the

Mission of Parish/Role of Council – Mary Campbell

Mary asked council members to focus on goals discussed ~~at the council retreat.~~ “How as a council are we living out our mission statement?” This led to discussion on spiritual leadership, parish direction, policy development and planning. A particular focus was made on the importance of ongoing transformation within each council member, as well as the group as a whole in relationship to the parish. Also, how do these parish goals fit into the scope of the larger archdiocesan plan?

Discernment and other business - Julie Rafenstein-Schultz

- ~~Volunteers are need for the Discernment Team. Those who will be part of council next year should be part of the discernment team. Orientation for new council members is already scheduled for March 31. Council members who are interested in helping should contact Chris Charapata.~~
- There will be a special budget meeting in March, 2008.
- December 4 is the Staff/Council Christmas party.
- January 12 at 9AM-12PM is Staff/Council Reflection.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:07PM.

Minutes submitted by Theresa Illingworth, Interim Recording Secretary

Next meeting: December 11, 2007

Present

Clem Budny	Mary Campbell	Nathan Ceille	Chris Charapata
Kelty Chelius	Ron Gilles	Bob Landowski	Mary Matestic
Julie Rafenstein-Schultz	Joyce Roesler	Gregg Saksefski	Lorie Scheinkoenig
Fr.Chuck Scramm	Bob Stollenwerk	Tim Teske	Tim Welch

Excused

Fr.Stephen Forrest	Pam Lownik	Liza Pincsak
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