

St. Mary Parish Council Meeting
February 7, 2008

Meeting opened: 7:05PM by Mary Campbell, Chairperson.

Gathering hymn: Amazing Grace.

Scripture passage: Matthew 4:1-11, led by Lorie Scheinkoenig.

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

January Parish Council minutes approved as amended.

Guest/Visitor Comments – None

Pastor's report - Fr. Chuck Schramm

Fr. Chuck gave the numbers for Ash Wednesday service-total attendance of approximately 150. The evening service was canceled due to inclement weather.

A reminder: The Revival is next week.

A lot more responsibilities will be moved onto local Parishes with the short fall from the Dioceses. Let's figure out how we can become stronger as a result of this and prepare for the decentralization. The Strategic Communications Committee will organize meetings and handouts to Parishioners for feedback and to address concerns after March 1.

Finance & administrative services- Ron Gilles

YTD envelopes are above last year, but we are below budget in December. January usually has lower donations. We may need a special collection due to recent snow storms.

The Stewardship appeal has produced 723 turned in pledge cards out of 2900 sent out.

The Celebration Courtyard proposal, featuring memorial bricks, has been approved unanimously by the council.

Youth report –Liza Pincsak

Nothing to report- ~~Will be reporting at the next council meeting~~

Fundraising Policy-Dan Roskopf

The new policy was presented by Dan. After discussion and discernment, the policy was unanimously approved.

A cover letter will be prepared by

Ron Gilles for presentation to parties and committees concerned.

Strategic Communications Committee– Fr. Stephen

Will be emailing how to promote the Parish, "A Good Thing Here." Discussed how we can improve.

~~This committee will meet to develop a Project Management Guide and to analyze the current communications of~~

the Parish. Suggestions:

Parish wide meeting on Debt

Leadership communication

Goals – Fr. Stephen Forrest

During this year, the Parish Council has come to a new clarity about its function. The council has set specific goals for the next three years, goals that will enhance the effectiveness and spirit of this leadership group. In order to provide consistency and continuity, the council will extend the term of office for all newly discerned members-at large, including officers. After two years of service a council member may elect to remain an each additional year with council approval until a maximum of a six year term is reached.

Our Parish goals come before the budget.

Changes to the Constitution/Succession Planning – Mary Campbell

As determined at the February 7th Parish Council meeting, the term of office for members-at large will be as follows:

As new people are recruited, they will be made aware that their term will be two years with the possibility of extending to six years.

~~In February a retreat (morning of reflection) will be held at which members-at large will be invited to evaluate—and reflect on—their role as a councilor.~~ Written questions will be provided as a guide. Members will then be asked to share their reflections with the group. This will provide an opportunity for others to affirm the person—or to raise questions about whether or not Council is the right ministry for the utilization of this person's gifts.

Officers may be extended beyond the one year term if determined by the consensus of the Council. Officers will also participate in a self assessment of their role and desired goals.

It was agreed that there should be a trial period followed by an evaluation to determine if this is in fact producing the desired consistency and continuity.

Recording Secretary Amendment was approved.

Home School/Scouts – Kelty Chelius

Kelty e-mailed council members about the success of the Boy Scouts.

She also discussed School uniforms, tuition and registration policy.

Catholic schools week was a success.

Revival-

Volunteer sign up sheet circulated. The Council is responsible for hosting the last night.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:13PM.

Minutes submitted by Jenni Jackson, Recording Secretary

Next meeting: preliminary budget-March 4, 2008 and Budget-March 11, 2008

Present

Fr.Chuck Schramm

Mary Campbell

Nathan Ceille

Chris Charapata

Kelty Chelius

Bob Landowski

Mary Matestic

Dan Roskopf

Joyce Roesler

Fr.Stephen Forrest

Pam Lownik Liza

Pincsak

Tim Welch

Lorie Scheinkoenig

Jenni Jackson

Bob Stollenwerk

Excused

Clem Budny

Julie Rafenstein-Schultz

Nathan Ceille

Gregg Saksefski

Tim Teske