

**St. Mary Parish Council Meeting  
September 9, 2008**

**Meeting opened:** 6:35 by Mary Campbell

**Gathering hymn:** Somebody's Knockin' at Your Door

**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 3: 13-17 Chris Charapata

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

**Haiti Prayer –**

Oh lespri sen desann soy nou  
Vin konble nou ak tout de bon  
K'ap fe tout de BonDye.  
Le ou avek nou  
Ranj nou byen bel  
Ou fe tout de byen  
Je`men nan nou menm

Oh Holy Spirit, descend upon us.  
Come mix us with all the good  
That will make us resemble God.  
When you're with us  
You make us beautiful.  
You make all that is good  
Germinate in us.

**August Parish Council minutes approved as amended**

**Guest/Visitor**– None

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

The Interim Principal is Mary Kopp. Interviews for the open Principal position will begin on September 10<sup>th</sup>. Clem Budny and Ron Gilles are heading the interview committee.

Christian Formation Committee will meet and revise their report to council on how to develop faith at the different stages in life. A new principal could impact the school-CF connection. Should a Teacher be the contact instead of the principal? We are in need of a survey committee. Recommendations were made for individuals to head this up and Father Chuck will converse with interested parties.

September 23 the collaborative Cluster of Parishes will meet at 10am.

**Youth Report**- Megan Kuchenbecker

The first teen mass was held in the gathering space. Approximately 70 teens attended. It was a lot of fun and the teens got more out of this style of mass. They would suggest changing the music and getting the youth more involved. This may impact and bring up attendance more.

SPARC showed Juno. There was a small group of teens that attended. They did feel a different movie choice; one that we had not shown recently, may have affected the attendance. It was great to look at such a movie from a Catholic perspective. This will impact their everyday decisions.

**Financial report**- Ron Gilles

The fiscal year ended on June 30<sup>th</sup> with a surplus.. We were looking at a deficit but May and June contributions were high and costs were

This dishwasher is damaged beyond cost-effective repair. A new dishwasher will cost between \$14-22,000.00 which includes installation, plumbing, and removal of the old dishwasher. There are three proposals being reviewed. The school is currently using paper products to serve the students. This is a short term solution which is generating a lot of waste. Building and grounds will meet shortly to review the proposals. \$20,000 has been reserved for the replacement and a parish family will be donating \$10,000.00. In addition there was \$5,000.00 saved in the computer lab construction that can be applied toward the dishwasher cost. Due to time constraints - trying to get this resolved in early October during Teachers Conference - a motion was made and passed by Council for a maximum amount of \$20,000 to be utilized in replacing the dishwasher.

The Building and Grounds committee was commended by many members of Council for their great work in selection of the roof repair company and the selection of the contractor for the Lower Lot. They both turned out excellent.

October 4th and 5<sup>th</sup>, Dennis Fletcher will be moving in to our Parish to evaluate the sound system and propose how to rectify the current situation. He will let us know what is working and what isn't.

#### **Retreat-Mary Campbell**

Next weekend. A summary of the weekend and what to bring was handed out. The theme is *Prayer in Our Everyday Life*. Please email your favorite prayer to Mary and she will compile them to share at the retreat. September 28th is Parish Council blessing and Ministry Weekend. Council has agreed to be at church for the 9am service and stay after to greet parishioners.

#### **Survey - Father Stephan Forrest**

Survey information was passed out. Faith in our Future, the Capital Campaign, was discussed. We would like to focus partially on mortgage reduction. However, this would be a hard sell since 40% of the funds go to the Archdioceses and 60% come back to the parish for Education and Formation use. Other ideas for partial use of the funds were brainstormed they were: A stage(could be used for school, outside concerts, banquets), youth space, home media area, community room, a multipurpose room, something for Faith Formation attendees, sponsoring a school, build a garage(there is already a garage committee), or to fund more youth gatherings. Any other ideas could be emailed to Father Stephan or Mary Campbell. Mary and Father Stephan will meet next week to discuss ideas and how to get feedback from active and less active parishioners'. Whatever is decided will need to be clearly communicated. We want you to give if you can; not transfer funds from your current mortgage donation to donate to this fund. We will be concentrating on keeping the lights on and the mortgage paid but we also want to grow the parish.

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

**Meeting adjourned** at 8:30PM.

Minutes submitted by Jenni Jackson, Recording Secretary

Next meeting: October 14, 2008

#### **Present**

Fr. Chuck Schramm	Fr. Stephen Forrest	Chris Charapata	
Bob Landowski	Mary Campbell	Dan Roskopf	Joyce Roesler
Tim Welch	Jenni Jackson	Megan Kuchenbecker	Clem Budny
	Bob Stollenwerk	Pam Lownik	Ron Gilles
Don Roback		Kelty Chelius	Dan O'Connor

#### **Excused**

Cathy Marbach	Lorie Scheinkoenig	Tom Warner	Cara D'Amico
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