

St. Mary Parish Council Meeting
May 20, 2009

Special Meeting: 6:00 start

There was a prior meeting of the Finance Committee that Council members could attend. As discussed at our previous meeting there are two options available to St. Mary's Parish in regards to the refinance issue.

1st Business Bank offers a 10 year note with a 20 year amortization that we would treat as a 15 year. We would use the reserve funds we have to plug current holes and we would have to submit a budget with a deficit. The Finance Committee would have to work on a back up plan for any future budget deficits. This option would need an appraisal and would only allow for a 60% loan to value ratio.

1st Business Bank also offered a 10 year note amortized over 15 years at 6.76%. This however included prepayment penalties; we could not pay more than 10% extra a year and a balloon payment due if not paid off in 10 years. We would then need to refinance again.

Catholic Knights offers a 15 year note at 7.25 which is our current rate. We will still have to budget a deficit of approximately \$55,000. We will need to make a contingency plan if our budget projections show a greater loss. The projected deficit will be covered with our reserve funds. This option would save us approximately \$73,000 a year and 1st Business Bank options would save us approximately \$80,000 max a year. The Catholic Knights offer expires tomorrow.

A letter went out in the “red folder” explaining why tuition was increased. There have not been many questions. The budget will be submitted to the Archdioceses by June 15.

COMMISSION REPORTS: Council received a copy of the reports

Spiritual Life and Worship-

Liturgy was discussed. We are looking at having Fr. Richard Fragomeni come again. His presentations attracted 700 people from surrounding parishes to his first talk and nearly 2/3^s of the second presentation were St. Mary’s parishioners. The adult choirs have been merged successfully and are adding more vitality and spirit to our community. Thank you Deb for all of your hard work! It has been very exciting for this group to discover who they are as a commission. They are more focused on the big picture now and looking at how Social Justice, Catechesis and Liturgy all intertwine. A quote from Mane Vobiscum Domine, paragraph 28, was passed out and discussed. This commission is commended for a great job. We receive and hear comments all the time about how welcoming our parish is. This commission’s self evaluation is based on attendee participation from the pews. There is a Woman’s Choir performing on May 30th. There is only one practice on May 28th for this choir. All interested parties should contact Deb. On December 16, 2009 the Milwaukee Symphony will be performing at St. Mary’s. Two issues that need to be addressed would be the tidiness of the Church and related spaced over the weekends, and the dress of individuals participating in the liturgy. We have no weekend maintenance and clean up is needed on many weekends between weddings and other ongoing events.

Finance and Administration-

This is a newly formed commission. Documentation for becoming a commission was approved by Council in February. The main goal for this year was to set up the commission and report. Next year the goal will be to get the Personnel Committee and the Stewardship Committee up and functioning. The biggest challenge has been recruiting volunteers. The Finance Committee currently meets four times a year and as needed based on current economic climates. They start preparing for the next budget in November. It is very important to come to them as soon as possible with budgetary requests.

Social Ministry-

Currently this is not a commission according to bylaws. The goal is to become a commission in the next year. They do not have elected officials and are just gaining solid footing. They currently provide assistance to individuals and families in need. The goal will be to have the officers meet once a month. Highlights have been: Prayer partners with Woman in Haiti, and Just Faith (30 weeks of learning and rejuvenating on what our calling is as Christians.)

Life Long Faith Formation-

They have made a lot of progress already by meeting every month. They are currently most concerned with building relationships with our parishioners and individuals who participate in Life Long Faith Formation. We don’t want them to feel like “just a number”. They are looking to connect our families to social justice and more events with our cluster parishes. The current goal is to keep meeting as a group and define specific goals to assist in the sharing of our current resources. Our biggest weakness in this commission is our newly married outreach.

Capital Campaign Update- Council

There was a 30 minute meeting with parishioners on Monday. Approximately 100 people attended via invitation and bulletin announcements. There is another meeting on Thursday at 6:30pm. Currently 65 individuals are registered for this date. Out of our target of 375 families, 160 have attended the Capitol Campaign meetings. Information packets were handed out at Masses and in the red folders. The parish will have to mail about 1900 of the 3100 completed packets at \$.14 a piece. Commitment Sunday is June 6-7. This is also welcome Sunday; we are still looking for a consistent volunteer to conduct Welcome Sunday on a regular basis.

Discernment- Cathy Marbach

New Council members were introduced: Mary Lang, Debbie Karageannes, and Robb Lietinger. Please have bio's to Mary via email so that she can get them loaded onto our website. Discernment went very well. We need to keep in contact with individuals who did not discern and it was suggested that we use more electronic communication with nominees.

Other- Mary and Christy are coordinating a farewell dinner for Fr. Stephen. Liaison meetings need to be held at a time that does not conflict with Parish Council meetings for full representation.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:03 PM

Minutes submitted by Jenni Jackson, Recording Secretary

Next meeting: June 9, 2009

Present

Fr. Chuck Schramm	Tom Warner	Bob Landowski	Dan Roskopf
Joyce Roesler	Pam Lownik	Jenni Jackson	Megan Kuchenbecker
Mary Lang	Cathy Marbach		Ron Gilles
Debbie Karegeannes	Kelty Chelius	Lorie Scheinkoenig	Clem Budny
Don Roback	Mary Campbell	Chris Charapata	Cara D'Amico
	Nicole Frittitta	Robb Lietinger	

Excused

Tim Welch	Bob Stollenwerk	Fr. Stephen
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