

**St. Mary Parish Council Meeting  
December 8, 2009**

**Meeting opened:** 6:37 by Chris Charapata

**Gathering hymn:** Hail Mary: Gentle Woman

**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:** Luke 3:10-18

**Share/reflect:** Council members shared and reflected.

**Haiti Prayer**

**October Parish Council minutes approved as amended**

**Guest/Visitor**– Stephanie Burg who plays the flute at 4pm on Saturday evening services. She stayed just to check things out.

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

There was a Cluster meeting recently; our cluster is on the right track. We are very excited about the survey. This will help us define ways to refine ourselves and grow as we are already a pretty solid congregation.

**Youth report** - Megan Kuchenbecker and Cara D'Amico

We are still worried about Nicole Marie she has been absent several months. Chris will try to get a hold of her to make sure she is ok. Confirmation started; there are 85 candidates which is up from last year. Rich Curren will be presenting to the candidates on January 31, 2010. Approximately 900-1000 people are expected since it is a multi-church presentation. Bill Johnson will be presenting for the freshman and sophomores on December 13<sup>th</sup> at St. Al's. November 20<sup>th</sup> was the LLFF/School dance; it was well attended. They plan to do another dance this school year.

Teen SPARC will be doing the Southside meal program on the 15<sup>th</sup> and are Christmas Caroling on Friday the 11<sup>th</sup>.

Volleyball is winding down and basketball season is starting up. The food drive went great!! There were approximately 20 H.S. students who assisted in this drive for a total of 61 baskets going out to families in need. On November 20 Judge Kevin Martins presented and shared his views with our teens.

**Finance and Contingency Report**- Ron Gilles

October Financials were sent to Council. There were no questions. We are still under the contingency plan trigger point by approximately \$30,000.00. Contributions for November appear to be down from last year. The Faith in our Future campaign has reached 34% of our goal. We have commitments of \$527,000.00. This campaign is not yet over.

**Social Concerns Committee**- Pam Lownik

An overview handout was given to council to assist them with the Mission Based Budget and the activities of the Social Concerns Commute. This committee had 5 goals they are:

1. Direct Services to those in need
2. Education and Formation
3. Anchor Social Mission(SERVICE) throughout prayer/worship and community life, getting all age groups involved as able
4. Empower Parishioners in their Call TO SERVE
5. Justice, Peace, and advocacy

**St. Mary School**- Gina Brown

There is a new automated calling system set up to work from Gina's home in case of an emergency or school closing. Gina provided council a copy of a Catholic Elementary School Principal description and another handout describing her responsibilities that she is currently doing. The two places she see weakness' are in Outreach and Student Services. Gina has three goals that she has listed at top priorities for the school this next budget year. They are:

1. Lack of safety on the back playground. This area should be fenced in to prevent student accidents, car accidents and assist in preventing of any predatory situations. This is a big safety concern and possibly a liability for the school

2. The afterschool program needs to become a priority and receive some direction and training of staff-medical/CPR/crisis response.
3. Do we need an Assistant Principle or a coordinator? She is doing the best she can and will continue to do so but we could become so much more with another individual assisting in the many areas that need to be covered. Can this person take on the responsibility of the afterschool care program and other concerns in the school to make St. Mary's an even better school.

**Parish Council Discernment-** Cathy Marbach

This committee needs to be formed again and would love new members. The committee now consists of Cathy Marbach Dan Roskopf and Mary Lang.

**Mission based planning-** Don Roback

The first meeting was yesterday. The attendees are 2 trustees, 3 Parish Council officers, Fr Chuck and 3 Parishioners (Jim Simaski, Kim Ponik, and Monica Werner). They will convene until the MBP budget is in to the Finance Committee.

**Survey Update-** Tom Warner and Bob Landowski

There were 754 responses to the survey. Thank you to all parishioners who completed the survey and to all the council members who gave their time to assist in the promotion and final pull. Survey results with instructions were handed out to Council. Copies will also be available in the Parish Office if parishioners would like to review them.

**Parish Council/Staff Retreat-** Denise Konkol, Mary Lang, Kelty Chelius

The date has been set for February 6th. The location is being discussed. They would like it to be Practical, Spiritual and Social. They are looking at trying to receive feedback from staff to assist in the planning so that the retreat is meaningful to all involved.

**Columbarium update-** Dan Roskopf

Postponed until next meeting due to weather conditions.

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

**Meeting adjourned** at 8:48 PM

Minutes submitted by Jenni Jackson, Recording Secretary

Next meeting: January 12, 2009

**Present**

Fr. Chuck Schramm	Tom Warner	Bob Landowski	Dan Roskopf
Joyce Roesler	Megan Kuchenbecker	Jenni Jackson	Mary Lang
Cathy Marbach	Clem Budny	Ron Gilles	Kelty Chelius
Bob Stollenwerk	Debbie Karegeannes	Denise Konkol	Don Roback
Robb Lietinger	Chris Charapata	Cara D'Amico	

**Excused**

Nicole Frittitta