

ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
May 18, 2010

MEETING OPENED: 6:30pm by Chris Charapata

GATHERING HYMN: HERE I AM LORD

PRAYER: Celebrating spiritual growth, centered in Christ, through word, sacrament, and service.

HAITI PRAYER

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE: Cathy Jn20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

SHARE & REFLECTION: Council members

APRIL PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES APPROVED

PASTOR'S REPORT: Fr. Chuck discussed the new associate pastor's arrival; he touched on the Faith In Our Future & Stewardship campaigns. Tim Winters will not be doing Middle school Youth ministries; however, Jim Beuscher has said he would like to consider doing the job. The staff is in the middle of transition with Wendy Rappe leaving, Tim focusing more on young adult ministries, and Mary Matestic going to half time and retiring at the end of the year. We will have some transition going on in the office until all is settled. This includes getting the new assistant pastor organized so he can begin his service at St. Mary. Fr. Chuck also requested the youth members of council give him some feedback on the new members coming into council.

YOUTH REPORT: Cara and Megan – The girls reported on a project being done in the middle school called JUST 5 DAYS. This will be a trip to Appleton, WI with, at this time, 10 students signed to attend. They will be working at food programs, day cares, nursing homes, etc. On Monday May 17 the group went to work at our south side meal program with the SVDP members and other students from other schools. This group will also be pitching in on May 22 for the food packaging project we have organized for our village in

Haiti. New candidates will be present at the June council meeting. The new members are: Chris Reindl and Hannah Paruzynski.

FINANCE & CONTINGENCY REPORT: Ron Gilles reported we are down \$29,000 from our regular collections YTD. No Big surprise. We are still under \$100,000 contingency.

Tuition aid is being requested for next year. Expenses are holding and the staff is helping in keeping it down. After the festival we will be building a fence to enclose the lower parking lot/playground. Bids are in and the money has been budgeted. Catholic Mutual will be out to review our drop off and pick up routine. If we go over the budgeted amount perhaps we could do a letter writing campaign with a parish wide request or ask the Endowment fund.

MOTION MADE BY CHRIS CHARAPATA authorizing the expenditure of \$28,000 to install a fence around the children's playground area in the lower parking lot.

Motion 2nd by Clem Budny. Discussion followed: Motion carried.

LIAISON MEETINGS/REPORT: Don reported information needs to go to new members coming into council so they know what they will be expected to do and what committees they could be on and amount of time needed. Present council members feel they should stay on their chosen committees as they may be involved in projects they have helped form.

MAY COMMISSIONS SUMMARY – Joyce Roesler, see attached.

It was recommended that the parish council manuals be updated.

COUNCIL/STAFF PICNIC – June 14 at 5:30pm in the cafeteria. All are invited as well as spouse or significant other. Chris will organize the function.

PC Calendar – Don will form a calendar for next year.

COUNCIL RETREAT – Chris, Denise and Kelty will organize a retreat for early fall.

WELCOMING COMMITTEE – Kelty Chelius recommended we form a committee that will welcome our new members by phone and/or letter. Perhaps the evening office volunteer could make the phone calls to field questions a new member may have regarding weddings, funerals and other services of the church. Perhaps a reception 2 or 3 times a year could be held after a mass.

Adjourned at 8:20pm

NEXT MEETING – June 8, 2010

Respectfully submitted,

Gwen Cyganek
Recording Secretary

MEMBERS PRESENT: Fr. Chuck Schramm, Bob Landowski, Kelty Chelius, Ron Gilles, Cathy Marbach, Tom Warner, Dan Roskopf, Megan Kuchenbecker, Denise Koncol, Mary Lang, Robb Lietinger, Debbie Karegeannes, Chris Charapata, Don Roback, Bob Stollenwerk, Clem Budny, Cara D'Amico.

EXCUSED: Nicole Frittitta, Joyce Roesler

COMMISSION SUMMARY

Real communication is about listening and remaining open to others.

1. We were fortunate to have such capable individuals orally share their progress, dreams, challenges, and invitations to further support them.
2. It was obvious that staff and commission members put a great deal of time into preparing their very informative presentations. I felt, that there appeared to be a sense of urgency concerning time. Perhaps in the future you might want to schedule fewer reports during one meeting, and allot more time for all present to reasonable comment, question, interact and compliment.
3. The written material provided by the staff and commissions is outstanding. Consideration should be given to providing such concise material to council members before the meetings they can read it, and come to the meeting better able to absorb the oral presentations.
4. It's disturbing while giving a presentation to have individuals you are addressing not be listening or talking to others. The attention given our presenters was noticed and appreciated.
5. Perhaps it is time to discuss liaison reports (are they being read), and the year-end sharing by commissions. Are they valuable to you? Are they helpful to our staff and commissions? If so, how can they be improved?
6. A special welcome to our new parish council members. This gave you an opportunity to hear and obtain important information, and it gave the rest of us the pleasure of meeting you. Jump right in and get involved. You are an important part of the council, and the future of our parish. Don't hesitate to ask questions so you continue to be informed.

Submitted by,
Joyce Roesler