

# **ST. MARY'S PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

## **July 28, 2010**

**Members Present:** Fr. Gene Wojcik, Brian Niermann, Lloyd Stern, Ron Korando, Marsha Link, Veneta Kerkhover

**Members Excused:** Cheryl Gross DRE, Janet Vasquez, Linda Smith, Bonnie Todd, Bob Saak

**Members Absent:** Rose Dethrow

**Guests Present:** Sheila Surman, Martha McDonald, Matt Colvis

Meeting was called to order by President Brian Niermann. Brian welcomed our guests who were invited to attend through our nomination process and asked to consider serving a term on our Parish Council. Brian led the group in an opening prayer service titled "In a Spirit of Prayerfulness".

Brian distributed and went through handouts which provided more information on the purpose and procedures of the Council. After a question and answer period, Matt Colvis and Martha McDonald accepted 3-year terms, Sheila Surman accepted a 1-year term. Bev O'Toole was unable to attend the meeting but had previously indicated that she would be willing to accept a 1-year term. If she does not accept, Veneta Kerkhover would fill the term. (Post-meeting note: Brian contacted Bev and she accepted the 1-year term).

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved with no corrections. Agenda for the meeting was approved.

### **COMMITTEE AND ORGANIZATION REPORTS**

**Liturgy (Father):** The first School Liturgy is scheduled for Friday, August 27. Since the Feast of the Assumption falls on a Sunday, there is no other obligation to attend Mass besides the Sunday obligation.

**Education:** At the present time there have been no inquiries into our RCIA program.

**Service:** No report.

**Maintenance (Father):** The Maintenance Committee met on July 27. The committee is looking into a number of projects around the parish and school. The most pressing issue is the rectory roof, which is in need of immediate replacement due to missing shingles and tar paper. This work will have to be hired out as special equipment will be needed due to the pitch of the roof. The committee will be taking bids.

Plumbing work has been completed in the Parish House and School building. The cost for the Parish House was \$481.57; we are still awaiting the final bill for the School. The lowest original bid came in at \$9,000 - \$10,000 from Jany Plumbing. Other miscellaneous projects are being

completed by parishioner volunteers. Some work is still needed to complete the fireproofing in the School building.

Brad Surman has begun preliminary stages of his Eagle Scout project. Brad will take on sprucing up the exterior painting on the lower masonry of the Parish House, and making repairs to the back porch and window in the attic. The project will take several months to complete. Thanks to Brad for thinking of his parish and his PSR classroom building.

We owe a huge debt of gratitude to Derek Niermann who has been doing a lot of work around the parish this summer due to our maintenance person Bill Surman sustaining a back injury. Derek volunteered his services to mow grass, and also shampooed carpets and worked on the gym floor in School.

Discussions regarding the need to refurbish the interior of the church, including repainting and replacement of the carpeting will begin at the next Finance Council Meeting. This will obviously be a large undertaking for our parish, and a lot of initial planning will have to take place. Donations will be needed to fulfill this project.

**Finance:** The next Finance Committee meeting will be held on August 9, 2010 at 7:00PM in the Rectory Dining Room.

**Cemetery:** No report.

**Poverty Services/Food Pantry (Brian):** Items needed include tuna, dry beans, frozen and canned meats, dry and canned pasta.

**School Board (Father):** Currently enrollment stands at 78 children for grades K-8, and 30 children for pre-school/daycare. This is about the same as last year. The annual fund collection did not quite meet its goal, but still had a successful collection of about \$21,000.

Craig Eubanks will be the basketball coach for the coming year.

Memorial donations in the name of Blanche Vasquez will be used for the Cafeteria fund to help purchase a new dishwasher.

Linda Anderson will be celebrating her 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a teacher this year. An open house is being planned for her on Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at the KC Hall. More details to come.

**Council of Catholic Women:** No report.

**Youth Ministry:** No report.

**K of C:** No report.

## **OTHER BUSINESS ITEMS**

**Election of Officers:** Officers for the coming year were nominated and unanimously elected. They are: President – Brian Niermann, Vice President – Lloyd Stern, Secretary – Marsha Link. Sheila Surman agreed to fill in should Marsha need to miss a meeting.

**Parish Trustee:** Mike Vasquez is our new Parish Trustee replacing Neil Birchler, and is thus welcomed as a member of the Parish Council. Our other trustee is Linda Smith.

**Council Installation:** Installation ceremony for the officers and Council members was scheduled for Saturday, August 14 during the 5:00PM Mass.

**Revisions to the Roman Missal:** Initial discussions have begun as to how to approach the changes coming due to the revisions in the Roman Missal. These revisions will result in many changes in the wording of the Order of the Mass. These changes may take effect as early as the First Sunday of Advent next year (2011). Fr. Gene and Cheryl Gross have begun discussing what will be needed in terms of catechesis. This will probably include some teaching outside of church and also teaching within church. There are references on the homepage of our website which explain this further.

**Website Updates:** Brian will be experimenting with a couple of new things on the website. Recently an online poll was put up asking if there would be any interest in having a means to donate to the parish online. This poll got little response, so the issue will not be pursued at this time. Also, Brian will be putting up video content on the homepage of the website.

## **ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting we will have further discussion on the revisions to the Roman Missal. Other agenda items should be brought to Brian at least 10 days prior to the meeting date.

**Date of Next Meeting:** Wednesday, August 25 at 7:00PM in the Parish House.

**Volunteer for Closing Prayer:** Brian Niermann

**Volunteers to provide refreshments for next meeting:** Sheila Surman and Ron Korando. Meeting closed with prayer provided by Linda Smith.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15PM.

Respectfully Submitted by Brian Niermann, Acting Secretary for meeting