

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

**April 28, 2010**

**Members Present:** Fr. Gene Wojcik, Janet Vasquez, Linda Smith, Lloyd Stern, Bob Saak, Marsha Link, Bonnie Todd and Ron Korando

**Members Excused:** Veneta Kerkhover, Rose Dethrow, Brian Niermann and Cheryl Gross, DRE

Meeting was called to order by Vice-President Lloyd Stern. Opening prayer to Mary Help of Christians was recited.

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

### **COMMITTEE AND ORGANIZATION REPORTS**

**Liturgy:** May crowning will take place this Sunday, May 2, 2010. Kindergarten Graduation will be Saturday, May 8, 2010. Eighth Grade Graduation will be Saturday, May 22, 2010. Confirmation will be Tuesday, May 25, 2010 at 7:00PM.

**Education:** Confirmation practice will be on Monday, May 24 at 6:30PM. We have 18 candidates to be confirmed. The last PSR class for the year was last Sunday, April 25. Children participated in a prayer service and received their certificates. Vacation Bible School is July 12 thru July 16 from 6 to 8 PM. Ages 3 thru Grade 6 may attend. Many materials have arrived. We are currently seeking volunteers. Registration will begin in May. The theme is "Sonquest Rainforest."

**Service:** No report.

**Maintenance:** The Maintenance Committee made a tour of the buildings on Monday, April 26 at 5:30PM. The big project for the summer appears to be the plumbing in the school building. Gas in the bathrooms has created several holes in the tops of some of the pipes. At the present: thank God for duct tape. Bids are being taken. It appears the project may cost in the neighborhood of \$10,000. The Maintenance Committee will be recommending a monthly parish workday on some Saturdays to deal with minor fixup/cleanup/paintup projects. More news to follow on dates and times.

**Finance:** The next Finance Committee meeting will be held on May 3, 2010 at 7:00PM in the Rectory Dining Room.

**Cemetery:** The Cemetery Committee met on Tuesday, April 20, 2010. The committee was briefed on the new Illinois state regulations governing cemeteries. Additional conversation on the new priests' plot was discussed. We will probably move the shed to the back of the cemetery to create space. Discussion on condition of graves and property also took place.

**Poverty Services/Food Pantry:** Over 550 people served. The needs are the same. If you have

any garden extras, the pantry will accept them.

**School Board:** No report.

**Council of Catholic Women:** The new officers for the council are: Prefect – Veneta Kerkhover, Vice Prefect – Sheila Surman, Treasurer – Millie Layton, and Secretary – Cheryl Saak. The council will give the 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls rosaries for graduation.

**Youth Ministry:** The youth will participate in the May crowning.

**K of C:** The K of C will host an appreciation dinner for the CCW ladies this Sunday, May 3.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

The Auction was deemed another success. The profit from the auction was \$49,238.92. The raffle winners are listed on the website. The committee met and has decided to keep the table numbers the same. They will play the same games again, the cooler game and the heads and tails game.

Coffee/juice/donuts fellowship was well attended, and the next one will be held on May 18, 2010 at the KC Hall.

Council nominations will be held on May 1 and 2. Bob Saak and Janet Vasquez are going off the Council.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

St. Mary's School Graduation will be held on May 22, 2010.

Stewardship – We need a few new Eucharistic ministers.

### **ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

Agenda items should be brought to Brian at least 10 days prior to the meeting date.

**Date of Next Meeting:** Wednesday, May 26 at 7:00PM in the Parish House

**Volunteer for Closing Prayer:** Brian Niermann

**Volunteers to provide refreshments for next meeting:** Bonnie Todd, Marsha Link

Meeting closed with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted by Janet Vasquez, Council Secretary