

ST. MARY'S PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
May 26, 2010

Members Present: Fr. Gene Wojcik, Brian Niermann, Lloyd Stern, Linda Smith, Ron Korando, Marsha Link, Veneta Kerkhover, Bonnie Todd, Bob Saak

Members Excused: Rose Dethrow, Cheryl Gross, DRE, Janet Vasquez

Meeting was called to order by President Brian Niermann. 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 (Father): 8th Grade Graduation went very well. A great job by all involved.

Confirmation was a wonderful success. Thank you to Cheryl Gross, Brenda Congiardo, Brian Niermann, Janelle Robinson, Bill Surman, Jan Crow, Bonnie Todd, Del Girard, and our high school servers for all of their wonderful help preparing for the sacrament. Thanks especially to those Confirmed, their sponsors, and their parents for their time and significant part in the sacrament.

Memorial Day Mass on Monday, May 31 at 8:15AM will be at the cemetery (in case of rain, Mass will be in church).

The Liturgy committee is on hiatus during the summer. It is now Ordinary Time in the Church's liturgical calendar.

Education: Vacation Bible School will be held on July 12-16 from 6:00-8:00PM each evening. We are still seeking volunteers to help, especially to work with the pre-school kids.

Service: No report.

Maintenance (Father): The main summer project appears to be the plumbing in the school, which is slated to be repaired in June. Estimated cost of this work will be \$12,000, which will be paid for from the Improvement Fund. There was also a water leak discovered in the basement of the Parish House. Work to repair this will begin tomorrow.

There has been work ongoing to repair sewer lines in the parking lot across from church. Gilster Mary Lee is paying for the repairs and for the resurfacing of the trenches that have been burrowed to do the repairs.

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

Cemetery: Meetings will be scheduled on an “as needed” basis.

Poverty Services/Food Pantry (Brian): In April the pantry served 216 households/584 individuals. Items currently needed include tuna, chicken and dumplings, mac & cheese, canned meats and canned fruit.

The pantry received an IMPACT grant award of \$13,800 which will cover the cost of the new storage building and the electrical work.

Patrick Hunt has once again planted a huge garden to provide the pantry with fresh veggies. He also has veggies for sale to offset the cost of the garden (the garden is on Lehmen Drive behind the public aid building).

School Board: The last meeting focused on end – of – year business.

Council of Catholic Women (Marsha): Officers for the coming year were installed on May 23 at the 9:00AM Mass. Congratulations to: Prefect – Veneta Kerkhover, Vice Prefect – Sheila Surman, Treasurer – Millie Layton, and Secretary – Cheryl Saak.

The Ladies’ Appreciation Dinner was held on May 2. It was very nice and a great time was had by all. Thanks to the Knights of Columbus for providing the meal.

Thank you to the CCW for their help with the reception following Confirmation.

Youth Ministry: Thank you to our high school students for their participation in the May Crowning ceremony on May 2.

K of C (Bob): The 4th degree Knights participated in the 8th grade graduation Mass and also the Confirmation Mass.

Robbi Wingerter was a recipient of a scholarship provided by the 4th degree Knights to students who attend Catholic high school. He is attending St. Vincent’s this fall.

Fr. Gene was named chaplain for the area 4th degree Knights.

OLD BUSINESS

Council Nominations: Nominations have been re-scheduled for the weekend of June 12&13. We will use the same process as in past years. Terms that are expiring are Janet Vasquez and Bob Saak (3 years) and Bonnie Todd and Veneta Kerkhover (1 year). By Council rules, Janet and Bob must sit off of the Council for at least one year; Bonnie and Veneta have the option to serve another term.

NEW BUSINESS

Website Updates: There is now a section on the church website that provides information from the Diocese concerning vocations. The link is at the top of the home page.

Our Facebook group continues to grow. Currently there are about 35 members.

Parish Trustees: Fr. Gene sent a letter to the Diocese today nominating Mike Vasquez as parish trustee. He replaces Neil Birchler who moved out of the parish. Linda Smith has been nominated to renew her term as trustee.

Parish Council Constitution: We are trying to locate a copy of our council constitution. A search of the rectory has been unsuccessful. Anyone who may have a copy can provide it to Brian or Fr. Gene.

ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Next meeting we will welcome those invited through the nomination process. Other agenda items should be brought to Brian at least 10 days prior to the meeting date.

Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 28 at 7:00PM in the Parish House (there is no meeting in June).

Volunteer for Closing Prayer: Linda Smith

Volunteers to provide refreshments for next meeting: All members are asked to bring a finger food to share.

Meeting closed with a Memorial Day prayer provided by Brian Niermann.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40PM.

Respectfully Submitted by Brian Niermann, Acting Secretary for meeting