

ST. MARY'S PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

July 23, 2008

Members Present: Brian Niermann, Neil Birchler, Bob Saak, Veneta Kerkhover, Rose Dethrow, Janet Vasquez, and Dr. John Beck, Jr., *Marsha Link*

Members Absent: Fr. Gene Wojcik, Tom Sauer, Linda Smith, Lloyd Stern, and Cheryl Gross D.R.E.

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: The Liturgy Committee does not meet during the summer months. Larry Gross completed his practicum on June 21, and is now qualified to be a lay leader of prayer, and to lead a Sunday Celebrations in the Absence of a Priest. We now have 4 individuals trained to do this.

The Mass celebrated by Fr. Jeff Moore went very well. Bishop Schlarman and Fr. Maes were also in attendance. It was great to hear our choir again. Approximately 130 people attended the reception afterwards.

Education: 55 children attended our Vacation Bible School. Volunteers did a wonderful job. Cheryl Gross D.R.E. reported she is working on the calendars for PSR and RICA. PSR had 25 students last year, they will be combining some classes. RCIA begins on the first Tuesday in October.

Service: No Report.

Maintenance: Painting has been going on in the school. The railing along the handicapped entrance has been replaced. Thank you to Steve Niermann and Bill Gross.

Finance: No meeting was held. The new fiscal year began on July 1. Our target remains at \$7000.00 per week.

Cemetery: No meeting was held.

Poverty Services/Food Pantry: Refer to the handout.

School Board: Elections will be held during the Masses on August 2 and 3. There are 6 nominees running for 4 positions. Brief biographies were published in the bulletin.

Final registration was held on July 22. School begins on August 19, 2008.

Our Help-a-Student fund is in need of donations. Contribution form can be downloaded from www.maryhoc.org.

Sodality: No report.

Youth Ministry: Thirteen high school students participated in the May Crowning ceremony on May 31.

Parish Website: The home page has been re-designed, which hopefully will make it easier for folks to navigate around. May photos have been added, as well as YouTube video from Fr. Moore's Mass and Vacation Bible School.

Calendar: See attachment.

OLD BUSINESS: No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of Parish Council Officers was postponed to the next meeting in lieu of absent members.

Popeye Picnic: There will be new food stands. It is possible that a band might be moved to the side of the K of C.

Parish Picnic is tentatively set for October 26, 2008.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be August 27, 2008

Agenda Items for Next Meeting: Additional agenda items should be brought to Brian ten days prior to the next meeting.

Election of Officers

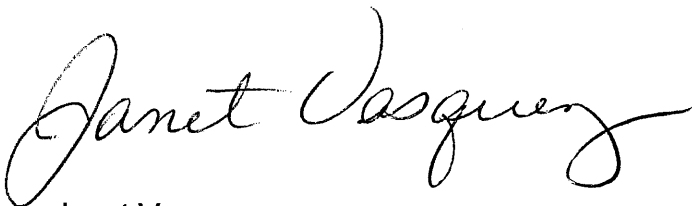
Review of Committee Appointments.

Volunteer for Closing Prayer: Brian Niermann

Volunteers for Refreshments: Rose Dethrow and Janet Vasquez

Meeting closed with prayer by Brian Niermann, written by Linda Smith.

Respectfully submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janet Vasquez". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'J' and a long, sweeping tail.

Janet Vasquez
Council Secretary

CHESTER AREA CHRISTIAN FOOD PANTRY, INC.

July 9, 2008

Chester City Hall, Chester, IL

Present: Bob Koenegstein, Collette Powley, Janet Strickler, and Mary Ann Koeneman. Kim Schilly, Linda Butler, and Brian Niermann were absent. Also present Alvin Petrowske, Evelyn Schuwerk, and Gary McDaniels. Bob opened the meeting in prayer.

Minutes: Question arose regarding statement in last month's minutes about approving the April March minutes. It was decided that it should say April and May minutes. Collette Powley moved to accept the minutes with that correction, Mary Ann Koeneman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Financial Report: Account balance \$6,092.66. Mary Ann Koeneman moved and Collette Powley seconded to approve the report. Motion carried.

Donations: Sincere thanks to all the following for their gifts:

Paul & Collette Powley	20.00
Patrick & Jennifer Hunt	Fresh produce
Pleasant Ridge Church	85.00
Jan Gray	100.00
Methodist Church-Ellis Grove	Staple food
Emily Lyons	100.00
St. Peter's Lutheran Church-Wine Hill	Staple food
Karen McAdams	Staple food
Mary Ann Koeneman	Staple food
Ebenezer Church-Rockwood	Staple food
Rick & Rose Dashner	Staple food
St. Mary's	Staple food & 400.00
Pat & Larry Montroy	15.00
Barb Hennrich & family	Staple food & 10.00
St. John's	Soaps & shampoos

EXPENSES:

1083	Randolph County Housing	100.00
1084	Birchler-Schmerbach	200.00
1085	City of Chester	15.00
1086	Verizon North	54.68
1087	Rozier's-food	171.60
1088	Onecliq Internet	14.95
1089	Alps of Perryville-food	184.12
1090	Wal-Mart	92.07

SERVED IN JUNE: 163 Households 401 Individuals

BOB REPORTS:

The food needs list has been sent out to the churches, and Bob is getting a good response.

Chris Blechle stopped by the pantry, and offered use of the maintenance building at Koeneman Acres as a storage space for the pantry's overflow supplies.

The Hunts are requesting seeds during the winter so that they can plant a garden for the pantry again next spring.

U of I Extension has offered 20 tickets for low-income families to the Marion Miners minor-league baseball game on August 2 at 7 PM. Bob is going to talk to Grace about using one of their buses, or check with SWIBCO about renting a bus. Collette made a motion to use some of the education grant to pay for fuel for the trip, seconded by Mary Ann Koeneman. Motion carried.

Gary McDaniels reported that he would be making a trip to Indiana on July 18. He is also obtaining an afghan raffle permit this month. He is planning to begin selling tickets in August, and is looking into displaying the afghan and selling tickets in the information booth at Popeye Picnic. Raffle would end the last night of the Picnic. Gary also suggested we have some sort of informational entry in the Popeye Picnic Parade.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 PM. The next meeting will be held at the Chester City Hall **Wednesday, August 13 @ 12 Noon.**

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Strickler