

## Mary Mother of the Church

Parish Council Meeting

September 26th, 2013

### Roll Call:

Chair.....	Steve Krieger	Vice Chair.....	Mark Kotcher
Secretary.....	Dick Drury	Admin & Finance.....	Matt Newbold
Athletic.....	Mark Muehl	Christian Service.....	Mike Jarvis
Christian Formation.....	Eileen Carney	Health Ministry.....	Carolyn Duke
Evangelization.....	Peggy Dolter	Youth.....	Ryan Clancy
Liturgy.....	Paul & Sue Schulte	Social.....	Gary & Wendy Franklin
Pastor.....	Msgr Jim Telthorst	Deacon.....	Dick Coffman*
Dir. Rel. Ed.....	Ed Lewandowski	*Absent	

Mark K. opened the meeting with a prayer at 7:00 pm

Mike Dust from Life Touch was present to discuss the MM pictorial directory. Our last directory was printed in 2010 and if we reprint the complete directory every 5 years, we want to consider an interim update. Samples of interim updates were distributed. Enough copies would be provided for all existing books plus an overrun supply. This update has an adhesive edge and would be inserted into the back of the existing book. The target audience would include those who missed the first photo shoots, new parishioners as well as parishioners with family changes. The pictorial directory is currently available on line but is password protected for security. Mike would need 2 volunteers from MM to assist him and would like to have it completed so that pictures would be available before Christmas. Bob Hughes and Diana Piantanida assisted with the last photo shoot. Mike offers a program to "Feed the Needy" whereby anyone bringing food items to the photo shoot would receive \$5.00 off the purchase of pictures. The food could be donated to our parish St. Vincent DePaul food pantry. 2 nights of shooting from 2P to 9P are needed. The consensus of the PC was to proceed. Father T will contact Mike Dust to inform him of our decision and to begin making arrangements.

MM is considering contracting with Brightergy to install solar panels on our roof. Various lease terms are available. There are no energy storage cells. Our savings come as a matter of "net metering" by turning our meter backwards when the solar system produces more energy than what we are using at the time. Projected savings are 23% of our current electric costs over 20 years. The archdiocese stated that we need the archbishop's approval as well as three competitive bids. The contract may require the signature of Father T, the construction manager at the archdiocese as well as the responsible party for the 5 parishes with which we are incorporated. It will be voted on at our next PC meeting.

A paperback copy of "Rediscover Catholicism" and "The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic" were provided to each member. It was proposed that MM purchase 1000 copies at \$2.00 each and that these books be personally distributed to parishioners possibly during the holiday season. We will probably be able to have part or all of the \$2000 expense funded by individuals. The "Rediscover Catholicism" is the preferred book of the two. It is available on CD but it may not be as effective. Each PC member was asked to read "Rediscover Catholicism" and be prepared to vote on the proposal at the Oct. meeting.

The final copy of the parish goals for 2013/2014 was distributed. Regarding goal II, bullet point 3 – the question was raised if there is a need to enhance the music to engage our younger parishioners. We have rotating choirs at masses so parishioners experience a wide variety of music. Our teen choir has just a few members. It appears the goal as stated has merit. The goals as distributed were approved.

A vote was taken to proceed with installing the website link to Lighthouse on the MM website. The parish will receive a 12% commission of the purchases. The consensus of the PC was to proceed with this partnership.

### **Commission Reports:**

**Liturgy:** The sound system in church is being evaluated.

**Social:** 7 or 8 cars were in the road rally. The golf tournament is Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>. The pasta dinner is Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>. Should we have a policy and procedure manual for the operation of the basement kitchen? Fr. T will discuss with Deacon Dick. Bob Hughes suggested that MM host a dinner for the “Founding Members”. He will be asked to submit a proposal for the PC to consider.

**Athletics:** Bob Wendel is the new S. County Director and attended a MM athletic meeting. A Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>, Sat. mass at our fields is scheduled with a bonfire to follow.

**Youth:** Ryan distributed a schedule of activities. The youth meet each Wed. evening for prayer service. Ryan said the youth welcome PC members to attend any of their functions.

**Finance:** Matt questioned how parishioners were donating to Faith Direct – whether weekly or monthly.

**Evangelization:** Peggy indicated that we were in need of a new coordinator of ambassadors.

**Ed Lew:** PSR has started. Of the 104 families with students enrolled, 85 attended the opening nights of instruction. A total of 217 students are enrolled (1<sup>st</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup> grade) with an additional 30, 8<sup>th</sup> graders who are preparing for Confirmation.

**Health:** A Fun and Fitness event on a Sat. in Feb. at the Reilly Center is being planned. An “Anointing of the Sick” mass is scheduled for the weekend of Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. 33 pints of blood were donated this past Tues. It was approved to distribute fliers for “The Orange Leaf Frozen Yogurt” fund raiser.

**Christian Service:** The committee to address the “Call to Serve” e-mail service exchange is meeting next week. The sandwich preparation programs are growing and consideration is being given to making healthier meals.

**Christian Formation:** The Saints Series and the Cornerstone Bible Study program started this week – 41 in each program. Citizens Against Pornography is sponsoring a forum on Human Trafficking on 10/29.

**Father T:** Commented that he was impressed with the multiple outreaches at MM.

Minutes from the Aug. PC meeting were approved.

The Tithing adhoc committee has met. The committee members include, Dick Drury, Lisa Roseland, Judy Belford, Kathy Vielhaber, Glenn Waeckerle and Kent Levan. It is recommended that any PC member that

would like to provide input into this effort should contact one of the committee members. The goal is to have the committees' recommendations to the PC by Christmas.

Dick Drury has agreed to host the PC Christmas party. Dick will e-mail dates (after 12/25) for consideration to each PC member to determine which date is most available.

Mark K. closed the meeting with a prayer at 9pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dick Drury, Secretary