

Mary Mother of the Church

Parish Council Meeting

March 27th, 2014

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 M. opened the meeting with a reflection at 7:00 pm

Feb. P.C. meeting minutes were approved.

Mark K. welcomed the newly elected PC chair persons including, Judy Nigh, Dave Bujnak, Mort Small, Denise Kennedy, John and Maureen Schumacker, and Leslie Ann An the youth representative. Each person introduced themselves and the outgoing PC commission members gave a brief description of their activities and responsibilities. A ballot was provided to all eligible candidates for the purpose of selecting the next Vice Chairman. Mark M. tallied the ballots and Dave Bujnak was chosen as the Vice chair. Father T and Mark K then accompanied Judy, Dave, Mort, Denise, John and Maureen as they left to discern privately the selection of commissions. This discernment resulted in the following appointments:

John and Maureen Schumacker: Evangelization

Mort Small: Finance

Denise Kennedy: Athletics

Christian Formation: Judy Nigh

The PC then addressed the topic of the tithing goal statement that carried over from the Feb. PC meeting. Father T. spoke to the need to incorporate the issue of justice as directed by the Catholic Bishops and other church leaders. Father T. also addressed the issue of the church being universal and thus having an obligation to include international support. Father T. suggested that an organization such as the Missouri Catholic Conference be considered as a recipient of our tithing sharing program.

Mike commented that we should include in the mission statement wording to allow for special consideration to be given to charities presented by parishioners who are aware of needy causes. Additionally he felt that advocacy or wording of that nature be included in the mission statement. Mike reviewed the list of 77 or so charities that we now contribute to and thought 24 could be eliminated. Steve has a list that provides a short description of each of the charities that we support. Steve will distribute this list via e-mail.

Ed L. shared some of the history of the tithing program at MM and asked that we trust the process. He stated that it was important that we come to a consensus even if it takes some time. He recommended that after we reach consensus that we support the decision and not have division.

Steve K. distributed a draft "Tithing Program Mission Statement" which read as follows:

"The primary goal of the Mary, Mother of the Church Tithing Program is to offer financial assistance to agencies that serve within the boundaries of the St. Louis Archdiocese and who directly contribute to the poor in the form of food, clothing, shelter and/or medical care. In keeping with the Church's teaching that we work for justice and give a preferential option to the poor and vulnerable, our secondary goal is to offer financial assistance to agencies that provide direct educational programs including GED preparation, job and work skills training, parenting training, personal finance, physical and mental health consultation."

Additionally, Steve proposed:

"With regard to the 12 recommendations on which the Parish Council has already reached consensus, the following additional items should be considered:

Number 13 should state that these approved "Guidelines" shall not be altered, modified or changed in any way without approval of the Parish Council.

These "recommendations" should be formally acknowledged as "MMOC Tithing Program Operating Guidelines" or some other appropriate title. They need to be tied to the Mission Statement so there is no question about how the Tithing Committee operates."

Although there was little time to consider the proposed statement and additional notes, the initial feedback was positive. Steve instructed all to prayerfully consider the discussion from the evening and to review the proposed core parish statement he distributed. All should be prepared to discuss it at the April PC meeting.

Commission reports: No reports

Father T: No report

Closing prayer by Mark Muehl at 9:05pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Dick Drury, Secretary