

## Mary Mother of the Church

Parish Council Meeting

April 24th, 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.....	Sue Schulte	Social.....	Wendy Franklin
Pastor.....	Msgr Jim Telthorst	Deacon.....	Dick Coffman*
Dir. Rel. Ed.....	Ed Lewandowski		*Absent

Also in attendance were, Dave Bujnak, Mort Small, John and Maureen Schumacker.

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

March P.C. meeting minutes were approved.

The PC then addressed the topic of the tithing goal statement that carried over from the March. PC meeting. After much discussion the parish council reached consensus with the following "Tithing Mission Statement"

*"The primary goal of the Mary, Mother of the Church Tithing Program is to offer financial assistance to agencies that serve, or are based, 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 work to break the cycle of poverty."*

With regard to the 12 recommendations on which the Parish Council has already reached consensus; consensus was also reached to add the following:

Number 13 states that "These approved 'MMOC Tithing Program Operating Guidelines' shall not be altered, modified or changed in any way without approval of the Parish Council."

These recommendations are formally acknowledged as "MMOC Tithing Program Operating Guidelines" and are attached to the Mission Statement so there is no question about how the Tithing Committee operates.

The next step will be for Father T. to select 5 parish members and extend an offer to them to become members of our parish tithing committee. Fr. T. has a lot on his plate but will address this in the next 30 to 60 days. Dick D. will forward a list of the tithing adhoc committee members to Fr. T.

The Parish Council reviewed the goals that were established last year.

**Regarding goal #1:** Anne, the MM secretary, is forwarding the information from new parishioners to the specific parish council chair persons where the new parishioner indicated an interest to solicit their involvement in a parish activity. Also, a number of men and women from the recent ACTS retreats indicated how they felt welcomed by the MM parishioners. Additionally the recent book study groups regarding

“Rediscover Catholicism” have brought parishioners together. Various commissions made presentations in the vestibule throughout the past year to reach out to new and old parishioners.

**Regarding goal #2:** Efforts to achieve this goal include the formation and performance of the MM “Run on Faith” Band. Additionally the youth group is now targeting the 8<sup>th</sup> graders after they’ve made their retreat. The youth group also is attempting to reach out to the teens that attended the youth group functions initially but then dropped out. It appears though that we lack initiatives to reach out to the 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade groups as well as to those in their 20’s and this may be because this was not assigned to any particular person or commission. It is suggested that the new PC consider this initiative when they prepare their 2014-2015 goals.

**Regarding goal #3:** The Christian Service commission will initiate a parish e-mail system that will allow parishioners to offer their talents as well as to identify their needs. Mike will contact the ACTS core group to ask for permission to access their e-mail list to advertise this new service. There is a concern for the security of the e-mail system since viruses are sometimes acquired from lists of this nature.

MM has a Face book page and the teens use this and Twitter to communicate.

**Regarding goal #4:** The Strategic Planning will begin in the next few months. Father T, Mark K. and Ed will be instrumental with this initiative. Father T. has a facilitator for this project and will contact him or her to determine a schedule for this effort.

**Regarding goal #5:** The MM secretary, Anne, e-mails information regarding new parishioners to those commission heads where the new parishioner has indicated their interest. The commission chairs are then contacting the new parishioners to get them involved in a parish function that matches their interest. The e-mail exchange should also foster the involvement of new parishioners.

Our parish alternates a time and talent presentation with a stewardship presentation so this year we will present stewardship. Rich will be making a presentation at the May PC meeting reg. stewardship.

**Regarding goal #6:** Our actions and spoken words continue to demonstrate the MM hospitality ministry.

-----

9 women were nominated for the “Archdiocesan Women’s Recognition Award. The nominees included, Ann Werner, Jackie Wilson, Mary Ann Howe, Eileen Carney, Kay Lewandowski, Judy Belford, Helen Lombardo, Barb Gavin and Becky McDonnell. Both Helen and Jackie have taught PSR for 40 plus years. Helen Lombardo was chosen to receive this award.

#### **Commission reports:**

**Social:** Wendy reminded everyone of the June 7<sup>th</sup> tailgate sale at MM as well as the MM picnic on June 8<sup>th</sup>. The picnic will include a car show.

**Liturgy:** The Tridium services were well prepared and delivered to our congregation.

#### **Father T:**

- A call was received that shared their concern that at the Good Friday service the part of Jesus was role played by a female.
- Father Jack’s status is about the same. His blood pressure is high and he may need dialysis. Not certain if he is still a patient at St. Claire’s or if he is now staying at St. Agnes.

Closing prayer by Peggy Dolter at 9:05pm  
Respectfully Submitted, Dick Drury, Secretary