

Mary Mother of the Church

Parish Council Meeting

May 29th, 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 & Paul 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, Judy Nigh, John and Maureen Schumacker.

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

April P.C. meeting minutes were approved.

Helen Collins was introduced and she welcomed the new and sitting parish council members and shared the history of the MM parish council. The installation of new members for this 42nd parish council will occur on Sunday June 8th at the 9:30am mass. A handout was provided that outlined the installation program. The offertory gifts will be presented by outgoing PC members, Matt Newbold, Steve Krieger and Eileen Carney.

Rich Risse and Dave Baronowski were introduced from the St. Louis archdiocese. Dave spoke to the council regarding stewardship. Of the 184 parishes in the St. Louis archdiocese, at least 124 practice some form of tithing and at least 82 have a stewardship committee. Dave has visited almost half of the 184 parishes. In general 50% of the parishioners never attend mass, 20% occasionally attend and 30% always attend so sharing a stewardship message to the 70% who never or only occasionally attend is a challenge. Dave offered a number of suggestions that work at other parishes to enhance the communication of the steward message to the congregation.

Matt Newbold discussed the budget documents that were distributed to all PC members. The current budget includes a \$28,000 operating expense deficit as well as a \$20,000 capital expense deficit. Some of the PC members shared concerns for approving a deficit budget. Randy Howe was not able to attend and thus the details of the deficits were unknown. Steve mentioned that the archdiocese assessment increased by 17% over last year. Steve will contact Randy Howe to obtain the details of the budget and then distribute the information to the council members to discuss adjustments. Those commissions with increases in their budget may be asked to eliminate or reduce those increases. The finalization of the budget will be postponed until the June 26th parish council meeting. The sitting parish council members are asked to attend the June 26th meeting.

Commission reports:

Social: Wendy reminded everyone of the June 8th picnic and car show.

Liturgy: Paul expressed gratitude for the many volunteers who have helped with the Lenten programs and other liturgy programs.

Finance: No report

Athletics: No report

Youth: No report

Christian Service: Mike reminded everyone of the June 7th Tailgate Sale to benefit St. Vincent DePaul. Mike shared advertisements with everyone and asked that they post the announcement of the sale wherever possible.

Ed Lew: Ed is preparing for the Vacation Bible School (VBS) for this summer for the children of our parish. He additionally shared the introduction of a "Summer Service Squad" directed by Becky McDonnell for the 7th 8th and 9th graders. Those participants will help with a community project each day the week of July 7th.

Christian Formation: Eileen stated that in total over 1000 CD's, tapes and books have been sold at MM through LightHouse.

Mark K. No report

Father T:

- He shared his conflict with being asked by numerous organizations to support their causes. Our tithing program does that and so individual requests overlap with the tithing program that is already in place.
- The "parish nurse" title may now appear as the "faith community nurse". We chose to keep the "parish nurse" title.
- Reg. the tithing subcommittee: Father T has spoken to several parishioners. Both Kathy Vielhaber and Glenn Waeckerle have agreed to participate and several others are considering the position. Father is working to add 3 others to this committee.

Closing prayer by Paul S. at 8:35pm

Respectfully Submitted, Dick Drury, Secretary