

## Mary Mother of the Church

Parish Council Meeting

June 26th, 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 & Gary Franklin
Pastor.....	Msgr Jim Telthorst	Deacon.....	Dick Coffman*
Dir. Rel. Ed.....	Ed Lewandowski		*Absent

Also in attendance were new parish council members including Denise Kennedy, Leslie An, Mort Small, Judy Nigh, John & Maureen Schumacker. These new chairs took office at the completion of the budget process. Additionally, Michele Venable (new parish nurse) was in attendance. Randy Howe was also in attendance.

Carolyn introduced Michele Venable our new parish nurse and then opened the meeting with a prayer.

The May P.C. meeting minutes were approved.

Mark asked Steve Krieger, to conclude the budget process before completing his PC term. Steve informed the PC that several corrections were made to reduce the budgeted deficit to \$23,750. Additionally Christian Service agreed to reduce their budgeted amount by \$1470, leaving a budgeted deficit of \$22,280. \$30,000 is budgeted in major projects and this was explained as a cost of \$20,000 for a new baby grand piano and \$10,000 in labor to evaluate the sound needs, redesign the music area and to install the new piano. Fr. T shared his concern that the existing piano needs lots of repair and that it is too dominant in the front of church. We prefer to make this change during the summer but it may be a while before this takes place. The PC discussed whether to continue the book distribution to parishioners during the Christmas season and it was agreed that this expense would be included in the budget.

There is about \$10,000 in the major project budget for some demolition in the parking lot. This is necessary to allow for additional handicap parking. Steve explained that we may be able to get this work done by volunteers to significantly reduce or eliminate this expense.

A freezer will be purchased by Christian Service from the funds raised by the food booth at the recent SVDP tailgate sale. This expense is not in the budget.

Randy explained that we budget expenses and income for "worse-case" scenario so that if the income falls short or the expenses are higher than expected we will be ok. Even though we have had a deficit budget for many of the recent years, we have completed recent fiscal years' under budget.

The archdiocese raised our assessed amount by 11% and this assessment along with staff salaries makes up the majority of our costs. The archdiocese requires each parish to have at least 3 months expenses in reserve. For MM, 3 months reserve is about \$200,000. We currently have about \$500,000 in cash reserves. Approving a deficit budget this year is not a problem but it may in the future. **The budget as revised was then accepted by ALL PC members.** Father T explained that it is unlikely that Father Jack will return to MM and that we incur

between \$12,000 and \$15,000 in expenses for a replacement priest (for weekend masses). The archdiocese does not have anyone to send us but there is a chance that we may add a priest from a religious community. We hope to learn of a decision on this matter in the near future.

The parish council members who completed their 2 year term were then dismissed and thanked for sharing their time serving for our parishioners.

Mark K distributed the list of PC meeting dates with assignments for both prayer and the bringing of snacks. He also distributed instructions regarding the responsibilities associated with Update articles.

Ed Lew discussed the day of retreat for the new PC. This day is part prayer and part goal setting. We can accomplish both parts in one day or split it up into 2 days. Since we will soon engage in our 5 year strategic plan we agreed to have just the spiritual component with our Aug. meeting. So the Aug. PC meeting will be on the 21<sup>st</sup> (not the 28<sup>th</sup>) from 6pm to 9pm. Come to the meeting fed.

Vince Estrada will facilitate our 5 year strategic planning. Everyone in the parish will be encouraged to attend. This will take about 4 hours and will preferably be held in the Reilly center. The day chosen for this process is Sat. Sept 27<sup>th</sup>. Carolyn, Mark K., Dick and Ed agreed to meet with Vince prior to Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> if needed to assist with the marketing and implementation.

Mark K will speak with Jackie Wilson reg. how PC can electronically submit their Update articles.

Diana Piantanida volunteered to coordinate the new picture directory. The PC agreed to have this project accomplished in 2015 – 5 years since the last one was prepared.

#### **Commission reports:**

**Social:** Picnic/car show was successful – especially the car show. Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> is the pasta dinner. Golf tournament is not yet scheduled. We may have a New Years Eve dance.

**Liturgy:** Minutes were distributed yesterday

**Finance:** Budget approved – monthly meeting date may change. Ed asked if the finance meeting and minutes could take place earlier so the information could be distributed to the PC before we meet.

**Youth:** Leslie shared that the group had a reception for those recently confirmed. They continue with a Wed. evening prayer service, Friday AM mass and breakfast and one meeting per month. The Steubenville retreat is July 11<sup>th</sup> thru 13<sup>th</sup>. Shirts from Steubenville arrived today.

**Christian Service:** The 5 members of the Tithing committee are Kent Levan, Kathy Veilhaber, Sue Buerkle, Lisa Roseland and Glen Waeckerle. Expect a report next month.

**Ed Lew:** VBS has about 45 or so signed up but expects to have about 80 by the time the program begins.

**Christian Formation:** Judy will meet with J. Siesener reg. the Pro-life efforts and with C. Hendrickson reg. the citizens against pornography. Father T spoke to the issue of requests he receives to solicit support for various causes. Father T is hesitant to allow presentations because our parish is committed to tithing.

**Health:** Will sponsor cardio dancing on July 11<sup>th</sup> and will serve healthy snacks. Basket raffles will continue.

**Evangelization:** John suggested that his remaining ambassadors schedule new families as “offertory” presenters soon after they’re welcomed. He also recommended we recognize those leaving our parish.

**Athletics:** A 15 foot wide mower was donated to us by John Burroughs. We will have soccer games scheduled on our fields this fall. Only enough kids for 2 soccer teams. Lots of volleyball interest and expect to have a BarBQ during VB tournament. Need help with concession stand and expect to sponsor a general trivia night.

**Father T:** Distributed a handout titled “Updated Office Procedures” authored by Ann and Linda from the office. Copies are to be shared with their commissions.

Closing prayer by Carolyn 9:10pm

Respectfully Submitted, Dick Drury, Secretary