

Mary Mother of the Church

Parish Council Meeting October 2nd, 2014

Roll Call:

Chair.....	Mark Kotcher	Vice Chair.....	Dave Bunjak
Secretary.....	Dick Drury	Admin & Finance.....	Mort Small*
Athletic.....	Denise Kennedy	Christian Service.....	Mike Jarvis*
Christian Formation.	Judy Nigh	Health Ministry.....	Carolyn Duke*
Evangelization.....	John & Maureen Schumaker	Youth.....	Leslie An
Liturgy.....	Sue* & Paul Schulte*	Social.....	Wendy & Gary Franklin
Pastor.....	Msgr Jim Telthorst	Deacon.....	Dick Coffman*
Dir. Rel. Ed.....	Ed Lewandowski*		*Absent

Also in attendance was Ginny Schrappen and Vince Estrada

Mark opened the meeting with a prayer.

The Aug. PC meeting minutes were approved.

Vince Estrada shared with the council that he felt our MM Vision Day was one of the best he has conducted. Approx. 100 parishioners participated. Mark distributed a summary of the consolidated voting (number of dots or votes per statement) on the various strengths and areas for improvement for the 4 topics addressed. Mark will e-mail this summary list to all PC members so that everyone has an electronic copy to share with their commission members. The list of areas for improvement is routinely longer than the "At-A-Boy" list. Vince instructed all to look for themes and one theme that stood out was the need to engage the youth and young adults (15 to 30 year olds). The results should end up in the parish's strategic plan (last written in 2007) and need to be incorporated in the PC goals. Vince felt that even though the younger parishioners were not in attendance that their concerns were voiced by others that did attend. He suggested that we consolidate the data, perform a survey to affirm the suggestions, then prioritize the actions to be taken. Vince will send us a sample of a survey that we can use as a template – we may want a separate survey for the teens. We should look at the top 3 suggestions of each topic. Vince recommended looking to our strengths to address the areas for improvement.

The results need to be publicized for the MM congregation. This was accomplished at another parish by using the 10 minute homily slot for this presentation. There are some things we can take action on immediately. Some suggestions simply need an explanation, i.e. having an American flag on the alter and the archdiocesan assessments. It is obvious that once again our goals will need to focus on the needs of younger parishioners. Mark asked each commission chair to take the summary to their commissions to address the "how to's" of the data from the areas needing improvement. Each commission is to report back to the PC on Oct. 23rd as to what action their commission is taking to implement the heavily supported recommendations.

Judy suggested buying the book for parishioners to give at Christmas as we did last year. Father T suggested the book "Freedom and Forgiveness". Judy is going to let Father T know what the size of the Jona team banner will be.

Oct. 11th is the MCU trivia night. Ginny Schrappen asked that anyone interested in attending should see her.

The Christmas party will be at Dick and Carol Drury's house. Dick is awaiting date preferences from most of the council members. *(Since the meeting, the date has been confirmed as Friday December 19th.)*

Respectfully Submitted, Dick Drury, Secretary