

## Mary Mother of the Church

Parish Council Meeting October 23rd, 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 Alyssa Clausen, Ann Bullman and Tricia Salas

Mort opened the meeting with a prayer.

The Oct. 2nd PC meeting minutes were approved.

Mark introduced Ann Bullman and Tricia Salas from neighboring south county parishes who represent a new movement named "Hearts on Fire". Hearts on Fire is a group of young adults from Jefferson County and South County, ages 20 to 35, single or married, seeking to deepen their faith and build community in Jesus Christ through weekly fellowship, prayer, faith sharing, and spiritual growth. They meet at 7:30pm on Tuesdays at St. Davids except for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month when they attend the "Theology on Tap" city wide meeting. They asked if MM would support their group by way of bulletin messages and or pulpit announcements. Their mission meets the highest priority suggestion from our Vision Day objectives for Christian Formation. There will likely be a Praise band performance on Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> at MM and we may invite Hearts on Fire to join in.

Mark asked each PC chair to share how their commission plans to address the Vision Day recommendations:

**Christian Formation:** This commission addressed the top items of what we want to become under the "Christian Formation" topic and detailed the results in a handout that was shared with all. Several of the suggestions are directed at other commissions and so they summarized the data by assigning each recommendation by commission.

**Admin/Finance:** Mort addressed the top 5 "needs improvement" from the Finance topic. 1) In order to evaluate the treasure given by those not normally contributing, Claude Leezy is gathering the results from the recent mass presentations (about 1 month ago) that addressed the sharing of treasure. Claude is gathering data from Faith Direct for this analysis. Also, this commission is looking at possible cuts for the next fiscal year. 2) Regarding the underutilized activity center, they will advertise in the bulletin the center's availability especially during the summer months. It would cost about \$200,000 to upgrade the facility to include a full kitchen and this may not be cost effective. 3) Father T will address the archdiocese assessments with the deanery at his next meeting to see if there is any room to negotiate these fees. 4) No one was sure what "Reilly Center being aligned with parish mission means. 5) They will notify parishioners know whenever \$1000 or more is spent.

**Social:** Very few attend their meetings. They are working on the NY eve party at MM.

**Health:** Carolyn said her commission felt there was a need to improve the parish communications. Some of the suggestions were for services that we already provide. They addressed the complete list of areas for improvement and singled out those that pertained to the health commission. Dr. Tony Scalzo has offered to talk to the teens about “street drugs”.

**Athletics:** Denise’s commission addressed the results and they thought were doing things pretty well and didn’t think there were any changes needed.

**Liturgy:** Discussed appropriate attire for ministers. Even though it’s apparent that we need to direct our efforts toward the youth to increase their participation, they are not sure how this can be done.

**Youth:** Leslie distributed the youth commission minutes. The youth commission thinks it’s best to attract new teens by initially offering social events and then to incorporate spiritual activities. They recently had a movie night. The archdiocese is recommending that when seniors graduate from high school they be inactive with their youth group for a period of 10 months to encourage them to get involved in their new surroundings.

**Christian Service:** Dick reported for Mike: Areas to work on include recycling, offering talents and services to other parishioners, follow up with volunteers and recruiting new and increased support for MCU. Also they will work on better communication with community and interfaith.

**Evangelization:** No report

There was a lot of discussion whether to distribute the book “The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic” to parishioners at Christmas time. There was no agreement to purchase 1000 books for distribution to the MM congregation. Judy will buy 5 to 10 books to distribute to those PC members who do not have a copy.

The Knights of Columbus has asked Father T. to consider having a chapter at MM. This has been considered in the past. The Knights of Columbus support parish schools as well as other causes but since we have no school and because the Knights of Columbus operate independent of the PC, they have not been invited into MM.

Father T received a packet of information from the Stephen Ministry and he wants to review it before considering a recommendation to establish this ministry at MM. Fr. T. is addressing an assignment by our Deanery – he is to respond to the question “If our Deanery lost 3 priests, what could be done?”

The Christmas party will be at 7pm at Dick and Carol Drury’s house on Friday Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully Submitted, Dick Drury, Secretary