

Mary Mother of the Church

Parish Council Meeting February 26th 2015

Roll Call:

Chair.....	Mark Kotcher	Vice Chair.....	Dave Bujnak
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

The Franklins opened the meeting with a prayer:

The Jan. 22nd PC meeting minutes were approved as amended.

Mark presented the results from the follow up survey that were made available at masses. There really wasn't much new news with one notable exception: there were very LOW scores in terms of willingness to participate. So one way to interpret this would be that we want to see some action to engage people, but it isn't going to come from us. Please also note though, that the average age of participant was 63. Ed is having the PSR parents fill one out as well so we'll see what we get from that.

Reg. the Solar Panel Savings, Mort reported:

- Electrical power is supplied by Ameren and our Solar Panels.
- The total amount of power needed is dependent upon our demand. Our demand is met by the power generated by the solar panels + Ameren. Sometimes our Solar Panels generate more KWH than our demand -- the excess is returned to the grid and credited to our account.
- Per Brightergy, we have saved \$4,581 for the period 5/15/14 thru 1/18/15. Note: Our Ameren bills for the same period are \$5,576 less than the year prior.
- I project an annual savings of \$6,000/yr less \$3,840/yr (lease payment) or \$2,160/yr.. This is a conservative estimate.

Reg. the PC elections: Dave shared that we had 164 nominations and he called each. He received some very interesting responses. 12 came to the night of discernment and 7 decided to run for PC. There are 4 youth candidates. The elections are to begin the 1st weekend of March.

Judy provided an update regarding the book "4 Signs of a Dynamic Catholic": All Parish Council members and some of their spouses helped after the Masses in distributing the book, on Ash Wed. and the following Sat./Sun masses. A total of 750 books were ordered at \$2.00 each. 480 books were distributed for a total of 65% distributed but we still have 270 left. The PC gave approval to leave the books in the church for several more weeks. The Tuesday night Ladies Prayer group is going to use this book as part of their weekly sessions.

Mike shared that the electronic MMOC outreach program is up and running. There are 375 signed up for prayer request, 73 for weekly announcements and 65 for help request.

Health Ministry commission: We rescheduled the Fun and Fitness event for April 18th because of the weather. The blood drive netted 40 units and we will have 3 this year. Baskets will be raffled again at the fish fries and the weekends prior to them.

Christian Formation: Judy reported about the forum on 'sex trafficking' to be held at St. Joseph's Parish in Imperial on March 24, 2015. Advertisement of this will be put in the bulletin in the next few weeks. Copies of the flyer were given to PC members. Pro-Life meeting was not held in February due to inclement. Report from ACTS Core group: Terri Boehm is no longer the liaison from ACTS to Christian Formation Ministry. Terri told me the new contact will be Denise Fuhr. (after this report and talking to Denise, her position has been changed and Maureen Schoenkase is the new contact. I have already talked with her about the way she and I will work together.)

Liturgy: Discussed the plans for the music area in preparation for the new piano.

Christian Service: Mike stated that we have an ongoing meat supply from Deli-Star quality cooked meats company should cover ALL three of our monthly sandwich shop's. We on occasion will receive other meat products that will be given to whichever food pantry is in need.

Athletics: Denise asked about the MMOC website because we have been told by Jim that since we have a separate website for registration that looks really good that he would no longer post anything for the Athletic Commission unless it was something like the BBQ we had. We want him to post about us needing a tournament director. Mark said to email him what we would like on the website.

Ad/Fin Commission: Capital Projects – 2015/2016 (Tentative List)

- Install LED Lamps at All Lighting Fixtures in Church --- \$25,000
- Upgrade Restrooms in Parish Hall ----- \$25,000
- Replace Carpeting in Classrooms (lower level) ----- \$ 8,000
- Replace Folding Partitions Between Classrooms ----- \$15,000
- TOTAL ----- \$73,000

Additional cost savings measures are being considered by the commission and will be included in the 2015/2016 Budget proposal.

We should develop and promote new social activities (fund raisers) to help bolster our bottom line. Currently, we are just keeping our head above water.

Evangelization: Discussed need for more ambassadors and distributed the proposed door hanger for new homes in the area. John will be getting bids to produce them.

DRE: Reported that Parent Workshop for First Communion is scheduled for March 7 and the First Communion Retreat Day will be the afternoon of March 28 followed by Pot Luck Dinner for these young families. Ed invited Parish Council members to attend and perhaps get to know some of the parents for future projects. The Parish Survey will be sent home to PSR households and followed up with email in an attempt to solicit more feedback from this population of the parish. Surveys will be returned on March 9 & 11 before Spring Recess.

Youth: Leslie stated that they have been working to get the confirmation teens ready for confirmation & welcoming them to youth group. Also, they have been having people from the parish come and talk to them during our youth nights.

Social: Wendy shared that the play and fish fry were coming soon.

The Franklins closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully Submitted, Dick Drury, Secretary