

Mary Mother of the Church

Parish Council Meeting March 19th 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 Schulte	Social.....	Wendy Franklin
Pastor.....	Msgr Jim Telthorst	Deacon.....	Dick Coffman*
Dir. Rel. Ed.....	Ed Lewandowski		*Absent

Father T opened the meeting with a prayer:

Father T presented the initiative of the "Roman Catholic Foundation of Eastern Missouri". It was founded in 2013 to build endowment funds that will continue to support Catholic parishes, schools, agencies and charities throughout the Archdiocese of St. Louis for generations to come. All parishes in the archdiocese have been slotted into one of 3 blocks, with the first block or group of parishes beginning the fund raiser in June of this year. Block 2 starts the campaign in Jan. of 2016 and the 3rd block begins in June of 2016. The campaign will continue for 5 years.

The fund raising goal for each parish is set at 120% of the regular income for the year 2013. So the goal for MM is 120% of approx. \$760,000 which calculates to \$910,000. This is the amount that MM will attempt to raise during the 5 year campaign.

The archdiocese will refund 40% of the amount collected to each parish.

A fund manager assigned by the archdiocese will be working with each parish. Father T will have another meeting on April 22nd to discuss the details of the campaign.

Father T would like to have a campaign committee of 5 individuals from MM. He has added 2 members so far and has a list of others to contact.

Father T petitioned to have the amount we tithe (10%, approx \$76,000) removed from the goal calculation. He further petitioned to have MM moved from block 1 (begins June 2015) to block 3 (begins June 2016) because of the 2 fund drives that will take place in the next few months – that being the campaign to remodel the music area and the ACA drive at the end of April.

There was much discussion regarding the large amount requested and whether MM had the option to opt out, as well as whether our goal number could be 40% less than the \$910,000 since that's the amount being returned to the parish. We cannot opt out, nor can we reduce our goal number.

Concerns were voiced that parishes with schools are already feeling the financial crunch and may be reluctant to support the campaign. Parishes without schools may too be reluctant to support the campaign because they have no school. It was noted that Mehlville has been unsuccessful in trying to pass a tax increase to help their school district.

Since Nancy Lewis dropped out of the election for parish council, we have only 6 adult candidates. It was decided to terminate the voting for the adults and notify the 6 remaining candidates of their election. Dave will notify the six and invite them to the PC meeting on March 26th. The voting for the youth rep. will continue through Sun. March 22nd and the winner will also be invited to our March 26th meeting.

There was a suggestion to reduce the number of weeks of voting for parish council from 3 weeks to 2 weeks, but no decision was made.

Father T closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully Submitted, Dick Drury, Secretary