

## Mary Mother of the Church

Parish Council Meeting March 26<sup>th</sup> 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

Additionally parishioner Stephen Bircher attended.

Dick opened the meeting with a prayer.

Dave welcomed the new parish council members including, Andy Dapron, Ted Montoia, Jill Farmer, Jay Stuckel, Mary Farmer and Kathy Newbold. Christine Stuckel and Danielle Farmer (youth rep) did not attend.

The minutes from the Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> parish council meeting were approved.

Dave conducted the meeting and asked each of the outgoing commission chairs to briefly summarize the duties of their commissions. Mike, Carolyn, Paul, Dick, Wendy, Dave and Leslie described their responsibilities. Each new parish council rep. was asked to indicate their commission of preference by listing a number from 1 to 6 for each open commission, with 1 being their highest preference. Ted Montoia was chosen as the next Chair person and so he will serve one year as the Vice Chairperson before assuming the Chairman position. The group of newly elected PC members along with Father T and Dave went to another classroom to discern their commission assignments.

While the discernment was taking place, Mort distributed copies of a summary of Capital projects which included, Installation of LED lamps to all interior and exterior areas (est. cost of \$28,000), Upgrade to restrooms in parish hall (est. cost of \$25,000), Replace carpet in classrooms (\$8,000). Other projects being reviewed include addressing noise reduction in various areas. The total cost is estimated at \$61,000 but it may increase by as much as \$10,000 depending on other projects. The music area remodeling is included in the current budget so it did not appear here.

Mort further reviewed the yearly expense reductions which included, prepayment of loan for kitchen remodel (savings of \$900), reduction of weekly collection envelopes (savings of \$225), reduction of office postage (savings of \$1500), reduction of snow removal exp. (savings of \$2500), reduction of electric through use of LED Lamps/motion sensors. Total estimated expense reduction is \$11,125 per year.

Mort stated the AdFin commission was striving to approve a "balanced budget". The parish council unanimously approved all the above.

The new parish council returned from the discernment process and Father T shared the assignment results: Ted Montoia, Vice Chair; Jill Farmer, Social Chair; Andy Dapron, Liturgy Chair; Jay and Chris Stuckel, Secretary; Kathy Newbold, Health Chair; Mary Farmer, Christian Service Chair. Danielle Farmer is the youth rep.

These newly elected members were thanked for their commitment and dismissed from the meeting.

**Father T reported:**

- \* He felt better about the endowment campaign currently scheduled for June of this year. Mort has been added to the campaign committee, but we still need 1 or 2 more persons. Parishioners will want to know how the money is to be used and to have the archdiocese demonstrate the accountability.
- \* He discussed the need for more sound proofing for the classrooms as the dividers need improvements.
- \* He plans to announce the music area remodeling and addition of the baby grand piano on Easter Sunday and to solicit support from our parishioners for this project.
- \*Father T shared that Father Dempsey is still in hospice and that he had no update on his condition.

**Youth:** Leslie shared that the youth were preparing for the reading of the passion for Palm Sunday. Lots of kids (over 30) are signed up to go on retreat to Steubenville. Please support the Pancake Breakfast April 19<sup>th</sup>!

**Evangelization:** John has the door hangers ready to go for the new houses being built in our parish. They want to include a tour of the church facility when presenting MM to new families.

**Christian Service:** Brian Sheldon from Sacred Conversations will be at MM on 4/19 to talk to MM parishioners. Mike stated that they may be inviting an Environmental team to their meeting or maybe to the PC meeting to discuss their efforts. Eucharistic ministers for the homebound will be handled by Liturgy.

**Liturgy:** They are excited about the renovation of the music area and hope to have the transition completed in a relatively short time frame. The organ will be moved against the wall to improve the line of sight to the altar. All enhancement teams are in place.

**Religious Ed:** Surveys have been returned from PSR parents and the data is being compiled. We are welcome to attend the pot luck banquet after 5pm mass this Sat. for the 22, First Communion children. 35 children are in the confirmation class – 33 girls and 2 boys.

**Christian Formation:** Judy announced that Jill Farmer is the next women's ACTS director. The proceeds from the ProLife Christmas card sale go toward the cost of the ProLife billboard. The CAP (Citizens against pornography) seminar was well attended. 76 parishes distributed the "4 Signs of a Dynamic Catholic". Judy informed us that she has 2 new CD's for sale.

**Admin/Finance:** They have been meeting twice a month lately. Fund raisers are an important component of our budget. Mort and group are striving to submit a "balanced budget".

**Health:** April 19<sup>th</sup> is Health Fair. Mary Scalzo prepares gift baskets for raffle at our Fish Fry's. The proceeds are near \$1500. They are reevaluating offering CPR classes. The Health commission will conduct an information presentation in April. Carolyn and Tony Scalzo will be talking with the teens in April.

**Athletics:** Andre Glazer was the MM man of the year. We need a new scoreboard to qualify to host basketball playoff games. Denise stated even though they don't have a basketball tournament chair, they will manage by committee so that they will keep this profitable event. A Bar-B-Q is included with the tournament.

**Social:** The MM play went 2 weekends because of the bad weather. Book fair is in May. Christmas house tour may get revamped – hard to get homes to visit. Sue Krieger would like to consider having a dinner dance in the fall and plans to speak with Father T. about the music – it would need to be coordinated with the volleyball schedule.

Dick closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully Submitted, Dick Drury, Secretary