

Mary Mother of the Church

Parish Council Meeting April 23rd 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

Mark opened the meeting with a prayer.

Additionally Chris and Jay Stuckel and Andy Dapron were in attendance.

The minutes from the March 19th and March 26th meetings were approved.

Father T reported:

* Reg. the 5 year archdiocese capital campaign: Mary Mother has been moved from Block 1 (begins in June of 2015) to Block 3 (begins in June of 2016). So he did not have his meeting scheduled for April 22nd. This is now not an immediate project for our parish.

* Mary Mother will have an associate priest beginning in mid June of this year. Our budget will need to reflect this expense.

* Archbishop Carlson met with all pastors and introduced a "Parish Planning and Viability Study". This process will help the archdiocese and the parish in their self examination. The document presented to every parish is 37 pages and contains 123 questions. Each question is to be evaluated by the parish and assigned a score between 1 and 7, with 7 being the highest rating. A parish team will oversee the project. There is an initial meeting to explain the program at the Rigali Center on Tues. April 28th. The PC asked Dave Bujnak, Wendy Franklin, John Schumaker and Dick Drury to accompany Father T and to participate as the planning team for MM. All thought they were available to attend the 4/28 meeting. Later in the process a core team will be utilized to assist in the objective scoring of the questions. The deadline for the project completion is Nov. 1st of this year. The information gathered will assist the archdiocese in long term planning, including priest assignments and parish consolidations.

Mort discussed the budget. It is likely that we will not have a balanced budget this year and may have a deficit in the \$20,000 to \$40,000 range. Factors responsible for this include; the cost of an associate as well as the elimination of the Christmas house tour and play. Other fund raisers may pickup for the loss of the revenue. The initial capital expense plan is to spend \$61,000 but this may increase to \$78 to \$79 thousand. There is a need for a \$3800 improvement to our scoreboard as well as carpeting and soundproofing projects for the classroom areas. Some projects may be postponed or funded in other ways. The grand piano fund is currently at \$17,000 - they are shooting for \$35,000. The vestibule now has LED lights which provide more light and use less electricity. We will vote on the budget at our next meeting.

Mark and Mike addressed the "Outreach e-mail" program. Announcements go out each Friday and emergency messages go out as needed. This is a valuable means of communication and it is recommended that a new effort be made to expand the number of recipients.

Evangelization: John attended the archdiocese evangelization meeting held at St. Francis. John discussed several of the suggestions including; having mixed parish discussions of the book "4 Signs of a Dynamic Catholic"; soliciting volunteers to attend Adoration one hour/year; a 10 min. weekly prayer time for parents of PSR students when they bring their kids to PSR and the availability of the Rigali Library books and DVD's.

Youth: One eyed Leslie shared good results from the recent pancake breakfast. Additionally, this past Sunday the teen's rec. night was well attended. The reading of the "Passion" during Holy week was again impressive.

Admin/Finance: Mort already gave an update but said budget meetings continue to take place.

Christian Service: Mike stated there was no meeting of this commission this month. \$1000 has been donated to SVDP which will allow for the purchase of a \$753 meat slicer for use with the tubes of meat being donated by Delistar to supply the 3 sandwich shops. Mike is soliciting free condiments as well as cheese to add to the sandwiches. Mike was commended for his efforts to expand the quantity and quality of these meals while incurring little or no expense.

Liturgy: No report

Health: 5 guests attended the recent Health Ministry meeting. The baskets prepared by Mary Scalzo 's effort that were raffled at the Fish Fry's netted nearly \$2300. They are in need of a replacement person to lead the consolation ministry.

Christian Formation: CAP did not meet in April but had a successful forum on "Sex Trafficking" at St. Joseph's in Imperial. They are trying to increase the number of participants in this committee. The Prolife group was proud to have sold the 4th most Prolife Christmas cards. The remaining "4 Signs of a Dynamic Catholic" books (approx. 40) will be given to John for distribution to new parishioners.

Religious Ed: Ed stated that this Sunday is the 1st communion mass at 2pm and he could use assistance with various mass ministries. The confirmation candidates shall begin the process of interviewing the MM staff. Vacation bible school is the week of July 13th. Becky McDonnell will again prepare a service program for young teens, titled "Summer Service Squad".

Athletics: No report

Social: The Lenten Fish Fries went well this year and they plan to have 3 next year. The play was a financial loss. June 28th will be a BBQ/Car show/picnic fund raiser. Athletics will handle the BBQ portion. The golf tournament is again planned for the fall and we may have a dance sometime in the fall.

Vice Chair: Dave reminded everyone that the installation of new PC officers takes place on May 31st. There was discussion reg. the need to explain what each commission does so that parishioners know what the responsibilities of each commission are.

Chair: Mark shared a flier and reminder regarding the presentation at MM by the "Run on Faith", Candlelight Band, on May 16th at Mary Mother

Mark closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully Submitted, Dick Drury, Secretary