

Mary Mother of the Church

Parish Council Meeting May 28th 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

Mike opened the meeting with a prayer.

New parish council members Chris and Jay Stuckel, Andy Dapron, Jill Farmer, Mary Factor, Ted Mantoia and Kathy Newbold were in attendance. Additionally Helen Collins, Randy Howe, Bruce and Sue Buerkle, Kathy Vielhaber and Lisa Roseland

The minutes from the April 23rd meeting were approved as amended.

Lisa Roseland introduced members of the Tithing committee including, Kathy Vielhaber, Bruce and Sue Buerkle. Other members of this committee are Glenn Waeckerle, Father T and Kent Levan. Lisa shared that the number of tithing benefactors has been reduced from about 75 to 36. Each org. that we support will receive our tithing donation twice a year. Various criteria have been adopted for the selection of benefactors and many of the previously supported groups or organizations no longer fit the criteria. Each organization that we support will be reviewed on a regular basis. Additionally Lisa shared 2 handouts that are available in the vestibule. One handout was an application form for the parishioner to complete for the committee to consider a new benefactor. The other handout was a tri-fold that describes the Tithing Program at MM.

Helen Collins welcomed the new PC members and thanked the outgoing members. Helen then distributed information reg. the background of our parish council and discussed the installation of new members that will take place this Sunday, May 31st at the 11:15 mass.

Father T shared good news regarding the assignment of Father Schilli as a “senior associate” to MM for the next year. Father Schilli has been recovering from a serious cardiac ailment. The addition of his salary to our budget results in a shortfall in our budget but we have faced this challenge before and the budget committee did not feel it was necessary to make other adjustments in the budget to accommodate this additional expense. Some parishes have Pastoral Associates that do not have to be priests.

Mort distributed the proposed MMOC 2015/2016 “Budget Review and Project List”. The operating Revenue is listed at \$897,050 with the major project revenue at \$72,000. So the total revenue budget is \$969,050. The operating expenses are budgeted at \$928,725 which leaves a shortfall of \$31,675. Mort provided a list of “key changes” as well as a list of 2015/2016 capital projects. Capital projects include the purchase and installation

of LED lights, the renovation of the parish hall restrooms, modification of the PAC scoreboard controls and the renovation of the classroom areas (installation of improved “silence” partitions). Total capital projects are projected at \$79,800. The PC approved the budget as submitted.

Mark reviewed the history of the 5 year strategic planning for MM. Surveys from parishioners and PSR parents were evaluated and Mark then distributed a summary of the MM Strategic Planning initiative which bullet pointed both the strengths and areas of opportunity for 4 critical areas of our church. The specific areas addressed included Worship, Christian Service, Christian Formation and Administration and Finance. He asked all the new commission chairs to use this feedback as a foundation for administering to their commissions. The survey results from the PSR parents mirrored those of our parishioners. We received 38 returns from the PSR parents with an average age of 40 and these returns indicated they would support youth programs at MM. The single most important message from this strategic planning project was **to engage the youth and young adults**.

Dave addressed the parish planning and viability study. Father T along with Wendy Franklin, John Schumaker, Dick Drury, Randy Howe and Dave Bujnak went to the Rigali Center on April 28th to learn about the process to be taken by each parish regarding the planning and viability study that was provided. This project is for each parish to assess its own parish’s vitality and stability. A summary of the number of diocese priests, ordinations and seminarians for our diocese as well as the top 61 diocese was provided. The data indicates that our diocese will have a net loss of 6 priests per year for the each of the next 10 years. The parish assessments will eventually lead to a contingency plan for the archdiocese for the years ahead. There are no immediate plans to eliminate or consolidate parishes. This group of 6, “the parish planning team”, will meet on Sat. June 13th to prepare a response to the 123 questions provided. A numeric response between 1 and 7 are to be assigned to each question. The project is to be completed and returned to the archdiocese no later than Nov 1st.

It was suggested that the parishioner “Spot Light” featured in our “Update” each month be discontinued. Most felt this was a worthy endeavor, and that we should continue honoring one parishioner each month.

Regarding the PC election process, it was suggested that we make every attempt to have at least 10 adult candidates on the election ballot. Although this is currently our goal it is becoming increasingly difficult to recruit parishioners to accept PC responsibilities.

Dick asked if any of the commissions could engage our MM youth (7th to 12th grade) with a worthy summer project. This group of about 20, is considered our “Summer Service Squad” and they meet on June 29th and 30th and on July 1st and 2nd from 9am to 12 noon. Mary Factor will contact Becky McDonnell to discuss how this group might serve our community.

Mike closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully Submitted, Dick Drury, Secretary