

St. Mary's Parish Council Meeting – January 12, 2010

Present: Laurie Desmarais, Mary Ann Cleary, Michael Smith, Fr. Jeff Tunnicliff, Judy Beecher, Cathy Hulser, Jack Strong Sr, Alex Granger, Tony Marks, Don Holtz, Theodore Hertel, Patti Piegdon

Absent: Fr. John DeSocio, Dave Fagan (ill).

The meeting was called to order @ 7 pm by Tony Marks. Ted led the opening prayer. Mary Ann made a motion to accept the December minutes. Mike 2nd the motion. The committee unanimously approved the minutes.

Committee reports from liaisons:

- Buildings & Grounds – first meeting will be February 2nd. Fr. Jeff sent the wish list to committee, along with Terry Bruce and Fr. DeSocio. Some items on the list have already been repaired.
- Festival – no meeting held. Spoke with David Stearns and he will be arranging one shortly.
- Finance – a meeting will be held before the next Parish Council meeting. Form is being drawn up to mail out to parishioners in regard to parish expenses and need of increased tithing.
- Parish Life – no meeting
- Social Ministry – Christmas basket program went well with 97 families served. 41 turkeys were donated from parishioners and this cut down on parish expenses. Many volunteers came to pack and deliver baskets that morning and it went quickly. Any remaining monetary gifts will remain in the social ministry account for ministry emergencies.
- Renovation/Endowment – Fr. Jeff reports all the records were found regarding the renovation commitments.
- Golf – no meeting yet. Need to expedite solicitation for donations from companies who may have a limited amount to donate, and contacting them at the beginning of the year may put us ahead as a recipient.

CMA: Total donations \$34,261; 76% of goal. Will be collecting through the end of May. Tony Barbaro will speak next month, probably the weekend of Feb. 6th & 7th, and will try to incorporate it into the Gospel and Homily. We are \$1700 behind last year, 38 donors behind, 13 new donators.

Old Business:

- **AED** – completely installed and working in gym. Fr. Jeff will talk with Terry and ensure signage is in place, if necessary. Is any parish member qualified to instruct the certification course for the AED? Tony will also talk with a colleague at school. Red Cross and EMSTAR both have 2 year certification course.
- **Outreach to Inactive Catholics** – will be held January 20th. Approximately 250+ brochures have been distributed from church. Will be announced at masses this weekend.
- **Donna Bennett** is looking into Diocesan activities in which our youth could possibly participate Fr. John will be talking with the Beebe's to get their opinion. Their current stipend will also need to be discussed if this is undertaken.
- **Lector book rest** – Ted is still in the process of researching this. Mary Montanarella is also looking for him.

New Business: Fr. Jeff noted that a new website has been established through the regional catholic parishes. www.chemungschuylercatholic.org.

Meeting brought to a close at 8:50. Father Jeff led the closing prayer.

Next meeting: February 9th @ 7 pm. Tony will present the opening prayer along with the snacks.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:05 pm. Fr. Jeff led closing prayer.

Respectively submitted, Patti Piegdon