

## St. Mary's Parish Council Meeting – March, 2010

**Present:** Fr. John DeSocio, Judy Beecher, Mary Ann Cleary, Ted Hertel, Alex Granger, David Fagan, Jack Strong, Jr., Laurie Desmarais, Tony Marks, Mike Smith, Patti Piegdon.

**Absent:** Don Holtz, Fr. Jeff Tunnicliff, Cathy Hulser.

The meeting was called to order @ 7 pm by Tony. Opening prayer was read by Patti (submitted by Don Holtz). Mary Ann moved to accept February minutes. Jack Strong 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The committee unanimously approved the January minutes.

### Committee reports:

- **Buildings & Grounds** – Dave Fagan reports that Fritz Clark is the chairperson. Met last Tuesday. Next meeting is 4/6/10. Made list of priority tasks that need to be done: new boiler, sidewalks, parking lot holes, leak in gym, church windows, carpeting in rectory. At present, members are gathering costs per each job, with a list of about 20 items needing attention. Donations or memorialized gifts can be directed to specific items, if requested.
- **Festival** - Patti contacted David Stearns the day after this meeting. He spoke with Kevin Hogan; his function will be held the Saturday after our festival, July 24.
- **Financial Report:** Insert in past Sunday's bulletin of the financial report of our parish. It is required by Canon Law that a report be given to parishioners once/year.
- **Social ministry:** Last meeting was held 2/27/10. The core committee selected co-chairpersons and secretary for 1-year terms. Attached document shows breakdown of subcommittees. A new flyer was designed providing the various committees and goals of the social ministry committee.

**CMA:** At this point we are short about \$9,600 from meeting our goal of \$45,201.

### OLD BUSINESS

- Mass attendance has been monitored for the past 6 months. Fr. John will ask ushers if they can continue doing this each week for each mass. Our mass at 4 pm on Saturday has been successful. It will be kept at this time.
- Father John will follow-up with youth mass and activities of the youth group in the near future. The Beebe's indicate they are pleased with the number in the group this year.

### New Business

- Diocesan Meeting of Trustees Regarding Bylaws and Incorporation. This is composed of Bishop Clark (President), Vicar General (VP), Father John (secretary/treasurer), Jim Berry and Mike Lares (trustees).
- Regional Council meeting – discussed mass attendance in the Chemung/Schuyler parishes over the past 6 months. Overall, the attendance is continuing to decline, although St. Mary's is at a slower rate. Father John will ask ushers to continue monitoring the numbers at each mass at this parish. They have published a new pamphlet with all the mass times, parish and church addresses and phone numbers, and additional prayer opportunities. They also have a website for additional information. <http://www.chemungschuylercatholic.org/>
- A request was made by Don Holtz (per Tony) that a request be put in the bulletin and from the pulpit that money counters are needed on Monday mornings @ 8:30 am. Ask council members to also seek volunteers. However, no husband and wife may count envelope money on the same day together alone. There are usually 5 members/team.
- The Ordination of Joe Erway is June 5<sup>th</sup>. Reception will be help after 10:30 mass on June 6<sup>th</sup>. Father Jeff's going away reception will be held the weekend of June 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> after all masses. Patti will contact Patti Gush about Parish Life arranging the details.

No meeting in April. Next meeting is May 11<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm. Mike Smith will lead us in prayer. Closing prayer this evening was led by Father John. Meeting adjourned @ 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Patti Piegdon