

St. Mary's Parish Council Meeting – May 11, 2010

Present: Fr. John DeSocio, Jack Strong, Patti Piegdon, Kathy Hulser, Laurie Desmarais, Fr. Jeff Tunnicliff, Judy Beecher, David Fagan, Alex (Toon) Granger, Don Holtz, Tony Marks.

Absent: Ted Hertel, Mary Ann Cleary, and Mike Smith.

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by Tony Marks. Opening prayer read by Don Holtz (submitted by Mike Smith). Jack Strong moved to accept March minutes; Kathy Hulser 2nd the motion. The committee unanimously approved March minutes.

Committee reports:

- **Buildings & Grounds** – David has priority list from last meeting on May 4th. They will have one more meeting before summer break.
 - Will obtain 3 more quotes from contractors before 5/25 to price the replacement of the boiler. Dan Collins will assist with recommendations.
 - Will address ceiling fans in the church; numerous options as to either cleaning, painting, etc.
 - Possible “land swapping” with Glove House; the sidewalk between the 2 buildings and half of the ask parking lot. No money will be exchanged; they may qualify for grants if some of that property was owned by them, with the condition of our parish having use of it during mass times.
 - Sidewalk repair; some may be fixed by the city. Needs more research.
 - Blacktop maintenance; Edger may be able to donate some asphalt. Need to prioritize what sections of parking lots need to be repaired/replaced first.
- **Festival** – impromptu meeting held last night. Raffle tickets will be printed and ready to hand out in narthex during weekends of May 22nd and May 28th. Discussion was held regarding a possible proposal to suspend (temporarily?) in 2011. Committee members have volunteered 7 years; many are becoming exhausted and question whether parish is ready for a new function, possibly a fall harvest dinner? **PUT ON AGENDA FOR SEPTEMBER.**
- **Finance** – collections are down about \$39K for the first ¾ of fiscal year – roughly 10%.
- **Parish Life** – organized reception following Easter Vigil. Planning reception for Joe Erway and Paul Sartori on June 5th following their Ordination on June 4th. St. Mary's and Blessed Sacrament are planning to host reception together for both of them. We will also be hosting receptions for Fr. Jeff after each mass during his last weekend.
- **Social Ministry** – 171 coin banks were returned with about \$1900 collected. Pamphlets explaining the social ministry committee have been in the pews and will be left throughout the church.
- **Endowment** – doing well. Have nearly recovered most of savings from what was lost in market.
- **Golf** – meeting was April 28th. Tournament will be held August 28th @ 7:30 am at Tomasso's; buffet will be about 2-4 pm, \$60/person. Letter has been sent to sponsors. Raffle tickets will be sold on the greens and clubhouse only this year. Next meeting will be 5/19.

CMA - \$35,808 ending 5/31/10. \$9500 short of goal. Budgeted for shortage of \$7000; will need to make up the difference of \$2500.

Regional Council Meeting – Fr. John attended meeting on May 5th.

- New website completed by Burt Beebe and Fr. Jeff.
- Enrollment down slightly at Holy Family, but prospects of new families moving into area with gas drilling encouraging.
- Father Bonacci visiting regional parishes to encourage vocations. He will be coming to our parish in the next month or so.
- Anne Beemer will be employed ½ time here at St. Mary's and ½ time at Blessed Sacrament.
- Fr. Moynihan given farewell on his retirement.
- Mary Beth Moncini – Youth director for regional parishes. She will be visiting and looking into regional youth ministry as a whole.
- Progress is ongoing for the plaque on the church renovations.
- Sr. Leona will be retiring from teaching music at the end of the school year.
- **Next meeting is June 8th @ 6 PM.** Everyone is to bring a dish-to-pass and we will enjoy dinner while we have the meeting.

Father John gave the closing prayer. Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patti Piegdon