

Mary Mother of the Church
Parish Council Meeting
Thursday, February 25, 2010

Prayer - Susan Lisa called the meeting to order.

Roll Call:

Chair.....	Lisa Raglin	Vice Chair.....	Randy Howe
Ad/Fin	Angela Ness*	Christian Service...	Kim Blackford
Christian Form	Pat Dean	Liturgy.....	Mary Anne Howe
Health Ministry	Craig Snavely	DRE.....	Ed Lewandowski
Evangelization.....	Mary Jo Masterson	Social.....	Susan Krieger
Athletics.....	Mary Ann Daust	Youth.....	Sean Kennedy
Pastor.....	Fr. T	Deacon.....	Dick Coffman
Secretary.....	Bill Peters	Assoc. Pastor.....	Fr. Jim*

*Not present

January's minutes were approved and seconded with the amended statement under Athletics correcting the mouse races amount: "MaryAnn also mentioned the Mouse Races raised **\$2182** and the soccer camp brought in \$1649."

Old Business:

Nominations

Randy reported that 114 adults and 10 youth had been nominated to run for Parish Council. Nineteen attended the Night of Discernment on February 10. Five adult parishioners and one youth agreed to run for Parish Council. Since that was the necessary number needed to fill the positions, no election was necessary. The new adult members to the Parish Council are Mike Cibulka, Lori Fick, Judy Reuter, Glenn Waeckerle and Ron Werner. The youth chairperson will be Kelsey Riebeling. Whether or not to display their bios and pictures in the vestibule was discussed, and it was suggested that they be part of a future Update mailing instead. Randy will check with Jackie on that possibility.

Mary Mother Pictorial Directory

Susan reported that Bob Hughes and Fred Hohenberger have volunteered to chair this project. They are actively working on getting information out to the parish in the next few weeks. The last pictorial directory was printed in 1995.

Major Fund Raiser

Susan is getting prices from caterers for the dinner/dance to be held on April 10. Some that she has contacted are Russo's, Rizzo's and Hendri's. Deacon Dick knows someone who will underwrite a percentage of the food expense. Cost of admission was discussed, and it was decided that \$75.00 a person for a regular table and \$100.00 for a "special" table would be appropriate. Invitations are being printed and will be in the mail by the middle of March.

Mary Mother Web-site

Lisa has contacted Jim Yamnitz to see if anyone on his TAG committee has web-design experience. If not, she will put out a request in the bulletin.

New Business:

Parish Council Meeting-Time Change

Lisa suggested that the council consider changing the monthly meeting time from 7:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. thus making the ending time earlier - 9:00 rather than 9:30. The motion was approved and seconded. The new time will take affect with the March meeting.

Archdiocesan Catholic Women's Recognition Award

Lisa received a letter from the archdiocese in reference to this year's Archdiocesan Women's Recognition Awards Celebration. This year they are hoping to honor one woman from each of our 180 parishes in the category of "Artist". The woman chosen should be one who uses her artistic talents to enhance the art and environment by creating a deeper spiritual awareness in the parish. Lisa suggested Lois Scully and asked if anyone else had recommendations. Mary Scalzo and Rita Mosblech were also suggested as possible honorees. Those making the nominations were asked to write a paragraph on their "Artist" and submit it via e-mail to council members before the next meeting. Council will then vote on the one name to represent our parish at the August recognition ceremony. Selections must be submitted by June 14. All three are quite worthy of this award!

Spring Parish Council Workshop

The Archdiocesan Spring Parish Council Workshop will be held on Saturday, March 13 at the Rigali Center. Lisa asked if any current members were interested in attending and Randy will check to see if any of the newly appointed would like to attend. Lisa will make the reservations accordingly.

Stewardship Workshop Feedback

Lisa asked for any feedback from those who attended the Archdiocesan Stewardship Workshops. Fr. T, Fr. Jim, Deacon Dick, Ed Lewandowski, Lisa and Randy all attended one or both of the workshops held at the Rigali Center late January and early February. All who attended said it had been a very informative and worthwhile experience. There were a lot of good speakers from other parishes who already have good stewardship programs established. Pastors will receive a video from the archdiocese to use as a tool to help educate council members and other parish leaders in promoting stewardship in their parishes. We will continue to pursue this in our own parish.

Reports:

Liturgy: MaryAnne

Nothing to add.

Ad/Fin: Angela

(Not present.)

Fr. T reported that we had an audit, which also showed us where our strengths and weaknesses lie. Deacon will meet with the archdiocese in regard to a program called Shared Accounting. Forty-two parishes already participate. One accountant would work with us, along with three or four other parishes. The cost would be around \$6000 to \$8000 per year, or around \$33 per hour. This would take the book-keeping and financial burden away from the office secretary and be put into the hands of an accounting professional. Budgets would still be done by the parish as in the past and not included in the accountant's job requirements. We will discuss this further as more information is available.

Health Ministry: Craig

Craig reported that we had 43 donors at our parish blood drive!

Evangelization: Mary Jo

Nothing to add.

Youth: Sean

Sean reported that a Movie Night and trip to the Magic House was planned for the youth group.

Christian Service: Blackfords

Kim reported that the Sandwich Shop was doing well. Healthy Communities Retreat will be held on March 6 here at Mary Mother. Mary Jo commented that there were members from the Christian Service commission going table to table at our fish fry with information on the transit issue. She questioned whether or not that was appropriate and suggested that handing out information before people entered the eating area might be a better idea. There was an uncomfortable situation that occurred at one of the tables and Fr. T said he would take care of the matter.

Christian Formation: Pat

Pat reported that there was a very good response to the 6 and 8 week bible study programs. She also mentioned the good feedback received from the Health Commission's Donut Sunday and all of the fruit that was available.

Athletics: Mary Ann

Mary Ann asked for help in setting up and supporting the Sports Trivia Night.

Social: Susan

Susan reported that the first fish fry netted \$2100! The fish fry hours have changed this year, accommodating those attending the 3:00 stations. They still end at 7:30. Leftovers were given to Feed My People. The second fish fry is March 5. The Frozen Tundra golf outing made \$280 with 16 golfers attending. She mentioned a couple of new fund-raiser possibilities – giant tri-cycle races, human bowling and a mystery trip.

DRE: Ed

Ed mentioned that the ALPHA program would be extending invitations to the next generation of parishioners, parents with school-age children. They are hoping to have child care available so that parents are able to have an "evening out". First Communion will be April 25 at 2:00 and Confirmation on May 13 at 7:30. Fr. T commented on how well our children are prepared for their sacraments. Lisa commented on the great job the youth did helping lead the Confirmation retreat at our parish.

Comments from Pastor

Fr. T has asked a speaker from St. Dominic Savio to attend our May Parish Council meeting and give a power-point presentation on the new translation of our Daily Missal. Members of the liturgy commission, cantors, etc. will also be invited to attend. Fr. T is still looking into the St. Vincent de Paul program.

Before the meeting ended, Lisa made the recommendation that the new parish council put as a **first-meeting** agenda item a discussion and amendment to the current by-laws which would set an attendance policy, i.e. the number of meetings a member may be absent per year and still be allowed to serve on the parish council.

Closing prayer was led by Lisa. Meeting adjourned at 9:30.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Peters, Secretary