

Mary Mother of the Church
Parish Council Meeting
Thursday, January 28, 2010

Prayer - Angela

Lisa called the meeting to order.

Roll Call:

Chair.....	Lisa Raglin	Vice Chair.....	Randy Howe
Ad/Fin	Angela Ness	Christian Service...	Rich Blackford
Christian Form	Pat Dean	Liturgy.....	Mary Anne Howe
Health Ministry	Craig Snavelly	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
Special guest.....	Jason Serati		

*Not present

November minutes were approved and seconded with the amended last sentence under **Reports – Health:** “Jane Goeke is the person to chair this position.”

New Business:

Mary Mother Web-site Discussion

Jason Serati was in attendance in order to enlighten us as to how our Mary Mother web-site can be improved. He handed out a report showing the web activity during the last 2 years. There have been increased “hits” since we last discussed this a year ago, especially on the Home Page and Athletics. He does updates every Monday. His e-mail address is jason.serati@sbcglobal.net. We are the owners of our own page. We can do our own page but need to get password from Jason. He agreed that our site could use a little help from a web-designer, perhaps one in our parish? He advised looking at other parish web-sites to get some idea of what exactly we want ours to look like. Perhaps the TAG team led by Jim Yamnitz would know of someone with web-design experience. We will continue to follow up and discuss at future meetings.

Mary Mother Pictorial Directory

Susan will put something in the bulletin asking for a volunteer to chair this project. This needs to get underway in May or June in order to be completed for our anniversary next year.

Budgets

Angela announced that she will be available to work on budgets with any commissions who need her help. All parts of each commission’s activities must be specified individually. Ad-fin will have rough draft forms in PC mailboxes by February 1. Rough drafts are due in March with a final one sent to council in April for approval. The archdiocese conducted an audit and wants to change posting of our accounts. Ad-fin needs to work on those changes. The archdiocese is now requiring that we move all CDs to their bank. We will have another mailing from Faith Direct and Fr. T will talk about it at the pulpit. Deacon mentioned the cost to replace the floor over at the Msgr. Riley Parish Center had originally been estimated at \$25000. The cost may be closer to \$58000. The question was raised as how we would budget this expense. Also under discussion is the continuation of the “400 Club”.

Old Business:**Seminary Campaign**

Fr. T mentioned that we will not know real totals until the archdiocese posts them, but they should be somewhere between \$467,000 and \$475,000. He does not know if that includes matching gifts or not.

Nominations

Randy reported there was a good response for nominations to Parish Council, which included 114 adults and 10 youth. The Night of Discernment will be February 10. Elections will be held the first two weekends in March.

New Youth Space in Annex

Sean reported that they are finishing the clean up at the Annex. Flooring was discussed, since there is a leak under the floor. Apparently there was no drain tile installed at the time the house was constructed.

Reports:**Liturgy:** MaryAnne

Beautiful new wooden crosses made by Bob Carron will be given to our servers to wear.

Ad-Fin: Angela

Nothing to add to the minutes.

Health: Craig

Craig reported that there were not many signed up for the AED/CPR training class. They had hoped more coaches would sign up; maybe next training session.

Evangelization: Mary Jo

(Not present)

Youth: Sean

Youth Group will be helping at the Mary Mother Confirmation Retreat held the weekend of February 13/14.

Christian Service: Rich/Kim

Rich reported that the food drive was very successful and a lot of gift cards had been purchased. There has been a turn-over in the sandwich shop leaders. They are trying to have a set schedule for helping Karen House.

Christian Formation: Pat

Pat will talk at all masses this weekend on two upcoming Lenten programs and sign-ups will be this weekend only.

Athletics: Mary Ann

Mary Ann reported good totals from the K thru 2nd grade basketball at MMOC. This brought in \$6324. She also mentioned the Mouse Races raised \$2182 and the soccer camp brought in \$1649. Mary Mother received \$1800 from the CYC, which was the 2nd largest amount given out! The Trivia Night will be held on Saturday, March 6.

Social: Susan

There will be three fish fries during Lent, the first one to be held on Friday, February 19. Stations of the Cross will start at 3 p.m. this year so that those attending can go directly to the fish fry if desired. Cost for the dinner-dance to be held on April 10 was discussed. \$100 per person seemed a bit high for a first-time dance, so it was suggested \$50 per person, or perhaps \$75 per person for special tables. She will discuss this with committee. Lisa suggested looking into appetizers and charging for the bar. Dick feels we can get people to underwrite the dinner. Main draw will be the band with Fr. T and friends playing for the occasion. A 50-50 drawing was also suggested. Craig questioned whether to have a booklet of sponsors, e.g. sponsor 1 hour of music, silent dancers – people who can't come but want to donate.

Comments from Pastor

Fr. T commented that he would like us to focus on making our building's appearance as warm and welcoming as we, the parishioners, are. We can possibly eliminate a few bulletin boards in the vestibule and replace them with a softer material to buffer the noise. Lisa will check into the matter. Fr. T mentioned that after Vatican II we let culture dictate how liturgies would take place. We got very verbal. Fr. T likes noble simplicity. He will ask the Liturgy Director of St. Dominic Savio to come and share his expertise regarding the upcoming changes that will affect our future liturgies. He would also include the Liturgy Commission, choirs and others directly involved in liturgy planning.

Closing prayer was led by Lisa.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Peters - Secretary