

**ST. MARY'S CHURCH**  
**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES**  
June 3, 2014  
7:00 pm

Present: Monsignor Amey, Fr. Chip Luckett, Paul Barrett, Matt Curley, Carole Day, Debby Eisel, Gary Funkhouser, Erin Iturriaga, Joan Madaras, McCormick and Virginia Onley.

Absent: George Griffin, Kammie Bell, John duFief, Cele Galczynski, Karen Gilroy, and Lacy Prebula.

Meeting was called to order and Monsignor Amey gave the opening prayer. Gary Funkhouser will be the chair for this meeting since George was unable to attend.

The minutes from the April 29, 2015 meeting were approved.

### **Pastor's Report**

Monsignor recently met with John duFief and the DeLizzio Architects to discuss their study of Mary's House and the school. They have requested that Monsignor submit a letter to Bishop Knestout for approval to proceed with the feasibility study. Even though permission was previously granted, Monsignor felt it was prudent to make the second request due to the financial difficulties from the previous year.

There have been quite a few events taking place since our last meeting. The eighth grade class took their annual trip to Boston. It is always a very educational and fun trip for them and the chaperones as well. They come back well enriched with history and spiritually enhanced. The eighth graders also had their graduation dinner and awards ceremony where they are able to express their memoirs about the years growing up at St. Mary's. Through the years Monsignor has noted that their memories have always been very complimentary to our parish and school. The Graduation Mass for the eighth graders took place on May 29. Monsignor expressed that Debby and the school faculty and staff do a wonderful job preparing our students for the future.

Debby mentioned that none of these events would be possible without the wonderful faculty and our devoted parents. It is because of the donations and charity of these families, that all eighth grade students are able to attend the Boston trip.

Monsignor has been carefully monitoring the proposed fiscal year budget to be sure there are no financial surprises this year. He received a proposed budget from the bookkeeper for the 2015/16 fiscal year.

### **Old Business**

a. Parish Building Committee Updates

Monsignor handed out the Addendum to Service Contract from DeLizzio Architects & Planners for their master plan for the feasibility study. This form is required by the ADW.

In order for the council to move forward with the review of the proposal, we decided to hold a special meeting with the building committee. John duFief should be able to give us a better understanding of the terms and conditions of the project. Joan will contact John duFief to set up a meeting to be held in the next couple of weeks. It was suggested that Monsignor send the request for permission for the feasibility study to Bishop Knestout since without his permission, the project will be halted. There was more discussion about the project and capital improvements needed from the committee. A St. Mary's scout is currently working on an Eagle Scout project to temporarily make Mary's House available for use as a meeting room. It was also mentioned that we need to have a very structured and transparent process to present to the parish as we move forward with the Mary's House project. Fixing the roof of the main church is a priority at this time due to the current leaks. Overall, the improvements need to include space for the parish as well as the school if we intend to have the support of the parishioners. We currently need to look to the future so we don't become stagnant but allow our parish to grow and develop into a place for active family life.

b. Social Concerns Shelter Visits

The recent shelter visits were not as well attended as Erin had hoped. Based on a recent survey, some parishioners really want to serve the homeless and needy locally. One of the shelters has requested that we help them form a bible study group. Matt McCormick thought it was a great way to get an awareness of homelessness and we may want to schedule another visit. Virginia volunteered at Rainbow Shelter and found out that some of the women at the shelter actually had jobs but were not able to support themselves. Her concept of homelessness changed when she realized they weren't able to make a living on minimum wage. There are currently 10 volunteers for the health ministry.

c. School Graduation and Year End Update

Debby commented that graduation was lovely. Our goal is to lead the students to success as they go into high school and to their future. There are about (5) students who are going to public high schools. Some families made this choice because of the high cost of Catholic schools. Our students who are going to Catholic high schools have received a total of \$140,000 in scholarships. Debby's proudest moment at graduation was when they gathered around the statue of the Blessed Mother and the students held hands in prayer which was led by one of the students. The Mustang Marathon has raised \$7000 so far toward the goal of \$10,000. The Golf tournament took place on May 7 and about \$10,000 was raised. Work on renovating the boy's restroom in the lower hall begins on June 11. The last day of school is June 10.

## **New Business**

a. Parish Welcome Information Table.

The welcome table is drawing attention from our current parishioners as well as from new people who want to join the church. We will need to fine tune the dates

and times for using the table. The church library room could be used during bad weather. Monsignor hopes to fix the room up to use as a brides room and as an information center after Mass.

We have a new arrangement for announcements during Mass. The priests will now be reading them at the end of Mass. If you want an announcement during Mass you should get it to Cele by Thursday at noon.

### **Liaison reports**

Joan suggested we have a 50/50 raffle over the summer. There could be a parish picnic at the end to announce the winner. If we decide to have the raffle, tickets should not be sold at the welcome table.

Kammie Bell sent information about becoming an Amazon Associate which was brought up at our last meeting. The information will be sent out by email when Joan sends these minutes.

Monsignor reminded us that August 22 is our original feast day. Mike Bean is going to be installed as the Grand Knight for the Knights of Columbus Council 2323.

Paul Barrett spoke with Cele about working together on a Ministry fair this fall.

Matt McCormick thought the social concerns appreciation lunch was very well done.

### **Next meeting**

The next meeting date is to be determined. The closing prayer was given by Monsignor Amey.

### **Pastoral Council Positions**

President-Monsignor Amey  
Chairperson- George Griffin  
1<sup>st</sup> VC and building-John duFief  
2<sup>nd</sup> VC-Gary Funkhouser  
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Liaison for Community-Karen Gilroy  
Liaison for Service- Matt McCormick  
Liaison for Worship- Paul Barrett  
Liaison for Stewardship/Admin-Kammie Bell  
Liaison for Education – Carole Day