

**Mary Queen of the Holy Rosary  
Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)  
Approved Meeting Minutes – August 22, 2006**

The meeting was called to order at 7:04pm. The Prayer Reflection on the Gospel for the 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time was led by Jenna Canning.

In Attendance: Father Joe Muench, George Blandford, Jenna Canning, Walter Leachman, Enid Timoney, Steven Gray, Aaron Corley, Leo Brown, John Lazzari, Kabby Akers, Dan Burch, John Mitchell, Ron Wedding, Al Arbogast, Karen Snider, Paula Voborsky, Cindy Hellinger, Peggy Gabriel, Father Steve Roberts and Barb Ulaszek.

Others in Attendance: Clodagh Kellet, Conor McCarthy, Michael Banahan, Frank Parigi, Nancy Fister, John Kiefer and Marty Kiefer.

Thank you to Peggy Gabriel and Barb Ulaszek for the snacks.

No corrections were made to the April 2006 PPC meeting minutes. George will send the minutes to John Mitchell to post to the MQ website.

Corrections to the July 2006 PPC meeting minutes: Under Father Joe's comments, change name from Karen Fister to Karen Snider as the party who played the organ in Cincinnati. George also received a correction from Kabby and will make modifications and forward to John Mitchell.

Walter Leachman noted restrictions to newsletter now as 20 pages since Diocesan Publications will be publishing it for free. He noted that PPC minutes can be mailed to parishioners who would request them.

**PAC – Peggy Gabriel**

Formation Registration has been continuing and all are looking forward to beginning the new program on September 10<sup>th</sup>. PAC is still drafting the handbook. They would like to schedule a meeting with Father Joe to discuss the future of PAC.

**Social Action – Kabby Akers**

Catholic Action Center –kitchen closed for yearly cleaning. Sandwiches being served.

**Education Formation –Paula Voborsky**

Paula says adults are registering for the new formation program. She said high school registration is larger than anticipated.

**Liturgy – Jenna Canning**

Effective weekend of 8/26/06-08/27/06 New Mass Schedule will be 4pm Saturdays, 8:15am, 11:00am and additional evening Mass at 5:30pm on Sundays. Sue Kniese says the Hospitality Committee is developing guidelines for ushers and greeters regarding first aid issues, emergency evacuation plans and access for handicapped persons. Change in Children's Liturgy at Sunday Mass. Two to five-year olds will be dismissed for Children's Liturgy and older children will remain in Mass.

### **Music – Karen Snider**

We are learning new music to engage the congregation and returning to more traditional church music. We have a great new sound system. Musicians are needed to cover the Sunday evening mass. Karen is working with the school—planning and choosing music for the school Masses. She is also starting a school choir and working with Lexington Catholic to get them involved. There is a request from Music Ministry to cease applause after Mass. All choirs should begin practice hopefully soon after Labor Day. There was a brief discussion about the applause issue. Father Joe will not make an announcement from the ambo, but would have an announcement in the bulletin regarding this. He noted there are many ways to express appreciation and joy. There was a brief discussion about the possibility of working with a LifeTeen Mass. Father Joe prefers the 8:15am or 11am Mass on Sunday be oriented toward youth due to the Sunday morning catechesis program.

Father Joe responded question about the school children dressing the altar. He stated that it should be reserved for special events to keep it special. He also stated that the Eucharistic Prayer for Children be reserved for Masses that largely involve pre-communion age children as per church requirements.

### **Parish Life – John Lazzari**

On October 8, 2006 there will be a dinner celebrating Father Bob Nieberding's Golden Anniversary of the priesthood in conjunction with the celebration of Forty Hours Devotion (October 5-8<sup>th</sup>). John will be handling the Fish Fry for the Parish Festival on October 13<sup>th</sup>. The gym will not be available for the Formation program on Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> due to the festival weekend. Program can be redirected to function in church that weekend. There will be a simple meal for the first Whole Faith Assembly.

### **Youth – Aaron Corley and Steve Gray**

About 20 youth enjoyed a 6-mile trek at Elkhorn Creek—they had a great time. Youth LifeTeen Kickoff will be held on Wednesday evening, September 6, 2006. Youth Group attendance is growing—meeting space is getting tight. Fundraising need for the expense of World Youth Day 2008 trip: Estimated cost: \$2800-\$3000 per person for this Sydney, Australia trip. Possible side trip is being considered.

### **School Board – Enid Timoney**

Enid reported that school board had a 3 hour meeting. There is a need to develop a strategic plan for the next 5 years. School census currently 596 full-time students. Concerns expressed about traffic congestion around Mary Queen. City may press Mary Queen to help with road upkeep around our school. Suggestions: Carpooling, school buses. Father Joe will be having a meeting with the city about this. Enid noted uniform rules: no extremes allowed regarding makeup, jewelry. Diocesan Training on October 21, 2006. School discussion led to somewhat lengthy VIRTUS discussion. Father Joe stressed the need for all school parents to have VIRTUS training, as well as anyone over 18 who works with children. There will be future training sessions. The information will be sent to the school parents. Paula will work with Lisa Keeney on making sure the information is delivered to the school families.

### **Stewardship – George Blandford**

There will be a meeting on Wednesday, August 23, 2006. In the future the meeting will be moved to another evening.

### **At-Large**

Dan Burch would like to work with the city on our signage—he has worked with them before. Father Joe gave his assent—requested that Dan touch base with David Carter first on this item.

John Mitchell stated that RCIC is ready to begin next month. It will be headed by Eileen O'Malley and will include children ages 7-16 years of age. John said this program is overwhelmed with interested people.

### **Business Manager's Report – Walter Leachman**

2005/2006 total operating parish financials--\$21,462 loss, excluding depreciation.

+71K school, -99 church, priest's house +7

Diocesan Financial Review conducted by CFO, Deacon Bill Wakefield.

Mint Julep house must be sold before any purchase of Fr. Joe's current rental house.

Mint Julep property remains for sale at \$159,900 with Ryan VanDaniker as agent.

Line of credit of \$42 paid off at end of fiscal year.

MQ Diocesan Assessment is 8% for 2005/06 calculated at \$226,749 and due 9/1/06.

Next year rate will be 10.2%. No need to borrow for the 8% assessment. Line of credit

will be utilized as necessary to pay next year's assessment. Annual report to the diocese

is due 9/1/06 also. Update on Diocesan Annual Appeal on 06/07: 295 pledges, \$75K

pledged—Goal: \$111,240—short \$36K. Fr. Joe sent follow-up letter end of July.

Building on These Mysteries campaign status strong. Quarterly letter will be mailed soon.

ELC 4 new classrooms have received certificate of occupancy. Original construction bid:

\$510K; appears below budget—under \$500,000.

Offertory under budget approx. \$5K per week; but for fiscal year 06/07 up nearly 6%

over prior yr. through 8 weeks. Offertory Budget +15.91% over prior year. We have

received restricted donations totaling \$50,460. Pastoral Report on Stewardship with fiscal

year-end information in process. Calendar Roundtable meeting 8/23/06 at 7pm ELC Media Center

### **Pastor's Report – Fr. Joe**

Father Joe is grateful for Paula and her many helpers involved with Formation, but expressed concerns about lack of parental involvement, poor Mass attendance of MQ school families. Father is very pleased with Children's Liturgy being held 2x on Sundays. Concern expressed about Communications, volume of information. Father Joe requested Communications Committee work to streamline information; keep concise, consistent. He also stressed need to keep meetings on track and minutes to the point. He would like the Finance Council to work to keep the budget more efficient. Father made the point that the current school tuition does not reflect the parish tax assessment—there is a need to review this.

### **Ad Hoc Communications Committee**

Suggestion box is waiting for forms. Father Joe will review with the committee. Unsigned suggestions will not be processed.

Ron will reformat the communications survey, reformat it and tweak it to make it more concise. There was discussion about a town hall meeting—possibility with a meal.

### **Chair's Announcement**

New Election Transition Team is needed since all the current member terms are expiring in 2007. Three new members chosen are Dan Burch, Ron Wedding and Leo Brown. Reminder that there is a 10 day minimum required to submit an item for the next meeting agenda. The agenda team will discuss proposals submitted for the meeting agenda.

The next meeting is Tuesday, September 26, 2006 at 7pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:58pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
Barb Ulaszek, Recorder