

## MQHR Parish Pastoral Council Minutes 01/26/2010

**Members in attendance:** Fr. Bob, Walter Leachman, Cora Mudd, Jeanne Suchanek, Robin Gal, Steve McCauley, Kevin Lamping, Julia Denny, Bill Longworth, John Saindon, Ginger Fraser, Mike Hogge.

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Mike Hogge called the meeting to order at 7:03pm. Fr. Bob lead us in prayer.

November 2009 minutes were approved with a few spelling corrections. Ginger will correct and forward to John Mitchell.

**Evangelization** – report given by Bill Longworth; very little activity; bulletin and newsletter updates have been placed; disappointing personal obstacles have occurred and he may resign position.

**Worship committee** – During Lent, we will have 6:30 am mass M-F; Fr Steve has agreed to do the Wednesday through Friday masses with Fr. Nick or Fr. Bob will alternating on the other days.

**Religious Formation and Youth-** (see attached report).

### RELIGIOUS FORMATION COMMITTEE REPORT TO PPC

January 2010

The Religious Formation Committee members were unable to coordinate a day and time to meet as a group. Reports were requested from Committee Captains to be turned in by January 15 for compilation and submittal to the PPC Recorder. The following has been received as of 1/23/10:

#### Sacramental Formation

Confirmation – Thursday Nov. 4th at 6:30pm and Saturday Nov. 6th at 4pm, 2010

1st Reconciliation – 110 participants. Parent service Feb. 13 and Child service Feb. 20 at 1:30pm

1st Communion 2010 – Will be: Saturday 4pm - May 1 and May 8 – Family's choice. Registration will close Jan. 31, 2010. Expect 96 participants

#### Adult Religious Formation Committee – Report for Parish Council tion

Is now handled by Laura Hack.

Bible Study – Will switch to Why Catholic during Lent.

CRHP The next renewal weekends will be 2010 – men's Jan 30-31, women's Feb. 13-14. Currently 8 registered for the men's and 11 for the women's weekends.

Why Catholic? – Sign ups Jan 23-24 and 30-1-31. Meeting start week of Feb. 17 (Lent)

#### RCIA

There are 5 Inquirers, 14 Candidates (baptized) and 14 Catechumens (unbaptized) – including children participating.

7 Candidates will complete their Initiation (Confirmation and First Communion) Feb. 13 at 4pm

The Worship committee is working with the RCIA team to plan the bi-lingual Masses for Lent and the Easter Vigil. (See important dates attached).

RCIA for Children - 10 will have baptism at the Easter Vigil April 3, 2010. There are 12 candidates (baptized) currently participating. There are 3 child Catechumens scheduled to receive full initiation 2011.

#### Whole Community Assembly

January – Mike Allen – Raising Moral Children

February – Eucharistic Adoration

March – Performance of Stations of the Cross

April – Performance of Stations of Light

May – Marian Devotions

### Additional Comments

Despite our extra efforts, we continue to have families from the Spanish-speaking parishioners show up for classes without registering.

THERE WILL BE 14 BAPTISMS AT THE EASTER VIGIL APRIL 3, 2010  
ANYTHING INVOLVING THE CATECHUMENS/ELECT MUST BE BI-LINGUAL  
2010 Important Dates:

Feb. 14, 2010 – 8:15am Bi-lingual Mass “Anointing of the Catechumens”

Feb. 17, 2010 – Ash Wednesday

Feb. 21, 2010 – 11:00am Bi-lingual Mass “Rite of Sending” at Mary Queen AND 4:00pm Bi-lingual “Rite of Election” with the Bishop at the Cathedral of Christ the King.

March 7, 2010 – 8:15am Bi-lingual Mass - First Scrutiny – Readings from Year A

March 9, 2010 – 6:15pm Bi-lingual Mass – Presentation of the Creed (different readings)

March 14, 2010 – 8:15am Bi-lingual Mass - Second Scrutiny – Readings from Year A

March 21, 2010 – 8:15am Bi-lingual Mass - Third Scrutiny – Readings from Year A

March 24, 2010 – 6:15pm Bi-lingual Mass – Presentation of the Lord’s Prayer (different readings)

Thursday April 1 – 6:15pm Bi-lingual Mass – Washing of the Feet

Friday April 2 – 6:15pm Bi-lingual Mass – Veneration of the Cross

Saturday April 3 – 9:00am Bi-lingual Preparation Rites. Rehearsal for the sponsors, elect and servers at 11:00am.

Easter Vigil – Time to be determined (8pm-ish)

Sunday May 23 – Pentecost. We ask some of the Catechumens to give a 2-minute witness at Mass describing their experience with the Sacraments. This is a powerful testimony to the grace of God and salvation through the sacraments for the entire parish.

### Report from Youth Ministry

January 21, 2010

- We have 16 volunteers total including the Life Teen, EDGE, and Morning Formation volunteers
  - The EDGE middle school group is averaging about 16-18 due to sports this winter
- Our Life Teen high school group is averaging around 10-15 which is an improvement from last year
  - Our Morning Formation numbers are averaging around 15 every week
    - There is now a Youth Advisory Team that is meeting monthly
    - The Youth website is running well and we have plenty of hits every week
- Some of the High School Core team are Eucharistic Ministers every 3 weeks at the Sunday 5:30 Mass
  - Youth Ministry are Greeters on the first Sunday of the month at the 5:30 Mass
    - We will begin Why Catholic in Morning Formation classes in February
- The Youth Ministry is trying to create more service opportunities for the Youth of the parish, especially service within Mary Queen
  - The Stations of Christmas went over very well and was well attended
- The November Clothing and Supplies drive brought in many items for the Catholic Action Center; the Cloak room was full with donations every week
- We are hosting a Youth Connection on Sunday January 24th which will bring in high school teens from around the diocese for what is basically a large youth group night
  - We plan to attend a lock-in at the Lexington Ice Center in March that St Elizabeth Ann Seton is hosting
    - We are gearing up for the Living Stations of the Cross in March as well
    - This month we will begin making some cards and posters for Cardinal Hill patients
- Our goal this year is to become much more active and visible within the parish and increase our attendance in both youth groups and Morning Formation

**Stewardship and Development** –report given by Kevin Lamping: Held the January meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup>; time and talent form being updated to add skill sets necessary for each ministry, approx time commitment required; To be distributed on April 25<sup>th</sup> weekend; two weeks prior to that, will have testimonials; gathering names right now for success stories;

Asked PPC for permission to update the form in a different manner-- put in occupation fields, other skills/interest field and employer. Will use employer information to identify if matching grants exist; employee may not be aware of the match. Other skills and interest will help us identify potential participants for other tasks, ministries. Concerns were expressed about privacy. Completion of these new fields is voluntary. It was suggested to explain new fields at time of distributing forms include saying why we are asking for employer. No further objections were voiced to the changes.

DECISION: proceed with changes in form

Following up on treasures and talent -- verifying that those who are being given stewardship rates for tuition are meeting the requirements to get that rate.

Focus on development fund and offertory to determine if we are meeting our budget goals.

Jeanne has set up stewardship prayers

Guidance and giving – FAQs being worked on in advanced and will be in bulletin

Dreamstakes to be held April 24<sup>th</sup>. Will be held at Malone's again this year.

Question: Are restricted donations tax deductible? yes if to group, if for an individual, no.

Question: Does name have to be on check as well as envelope for restricted donation to go to the area specified?? Do best we can to get to area specified on envelope even if not on check.

**Social Justice-** no new chair yet; Mike Hogge will continue to follow up and no report has been given. At church Thursday Fr. Nick will discuss role of social justice in the parish. Also will encourage participation in Build.

**Community life-** report given by Cora Mudd; (see attached)

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - JANUARY 26, 2010

### COMMUNITY LIFE REPORT

1. Stations of Christmas was presented by the children and youth of the Parish on December 20, 2009. Coffee, donuts and juice were served prior to the presentation. Whole Community Assy.
2. Las Posadas Advent Program was presented in English and Spanish on December 23, 2009 in the sanctuary. (Posadas meaning "The Inn" is a 9 day celebration by the Spanish Community that re-enacts the travel of Joseph and Mary as they journey to Bethlehem in search for shelter for the birth of Jesus). Refreshments (prepared and served by the Spanish Community) and a celebration was held in the ELC cafeteria/gym for all. A surprise Pinata party was held for the children
3. The Christmas Giving Tree was a success. Dan and Shirley Lucas and Jeannine Tharp want to thank all those at MQHR who contributed gifts to the children.
4. On January 3, 2010 an Open House was held at the MQ Rectory for the Parish. Refreshments were served. Father Bob, Father Nick, Father Eulices and the staff served as hosts.
5. MQHR Knights of Columbus hosted a Chili Cook-Off on January 9, 2010 from 5 pm to 9pm. Other participants were the Knights from other Parishes in the Diocese. Bishop Ronald Gainer was present and announced the winner. St. Leo of Versailles, KY came in 1<sup>st</sup> place and MQHR came in 2<sup>nd</sup>. This was the 2<sup>nd</sup> year that the MQHR Knights have hosted this get together. There was a large attendance.
6. Donuts, juice and coffee were served prior to Whole Community Assembly on January 17, 2009. Mike Allen presented a program on Reconciliation with both the English and Spanish Community. Norma Flores-Schriefer was the Spanish interpreter. There was a great attendance by parents and children of the parish.
7. Charisms of Spirituality: On January 20, 2010, a presentation on the "Spirituality of the Dominicans" was presented by Sister Marie Goretti Browne, OP. There were 10 people present. Refreshments were served in the parlor.
8. We are looking for volunteers for the upcoming fish fries during Lent. Areas needing volunteers include Friday morning prep, desserts prep, set up crews, serving and dishwashing crews, and a fryer clean up person. Point of contact is Leslie Hinkle at 278-7432 or [lhinkle@cdlex.org](mailto:lhinkle@cdlex.org).

### ADULT AND FAMILY MINISTRY

1. The December 6, 2009 potluck was a tremendous success. Christel Broady prepared an authentic German dinner. A St. Nicholas Day was celebrated by the kids. Our own "St. Nick" presented a story, gifts and treats for the children.
2. The Hobby Group met on December 19, 2009 in the Church Meeting Rooms.
3. The MQ Community set up a trailer in the MQ parking lot for new or gently used toys, games, books, etc. for the Catholic Action Center Christmas Store. They also helped set up the store and served as personal shoppers for the distribution of these gifts to the under-privileged children of Lexington.
4. A MQ group prepared and served breakfast at the Catholic

Action Center Christmas Morning (December 25, 2009). Breakfast casseroles, biscuits, fruits, sweet breads, milk and juice were served.

5. The monthly MQ dinner at the Catholic Action Center was held on December 27, 2009 from 5 to 7 pm. Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, peas, corn, salad with dressings, rolls, fruit and desserts were served.
6. The monthly potluck was held on January 10, 2010 from 4 to 7pm in the ELC cafe. Nick Broady created a delicious meal of Filipino cuisine. Attendance was good.
7. The 7 week series of Theology on Tap began on January 18, 2010. It was held at Shooter's on Southland Drive. A talk on Called, Chosen, and Consecrated: Vocations was led by Father Danny Fister, Deacon Matt Coriale and Sister Mary Christina. On January 25, 2010, Father Britto Berchmans from the Archdiocese of Chicago and Pastor of St. Nicholas Parish gave a talk on "Catholic Identity".

Respectively Submitted: Cora R. Mudd

**Communications committee** – report given by Ron Wedding; Sue Knies put out a statement in the bulletin this past Sunday providing info on what the committee's functions include. They have received a good response to their request for photographers to send in pictures of MQ activities to publicize. The committee also wants to get info in the Herald Leader about MQ activities from time to time.

Ron reported that the job to paint the sign out front was completed just minutes prior to our meeting. Robin Gal mentioned that the PTO has received money for a new sign. Mickey talked with a city official who said it would be OK for us to pursue new signage. He is pricing what can be done. Walter said our architect has done extensive research including with the city and he has said we are already over the limit of signage allowed by city. Walter gave Robin Gal Ron's number so they can coordinate signage info but they need to run all of this by Walter before proceeding with purchasing a sign.

**School Board** – 2 new students recently enrolled. As of Dec 18<sup>th</sup> there were 386 students registered for next year with full fees paid. An additional number enrolled with partial payments or no payments. The goal for upcoming year—stay even for enrollment. It should be noted that larger classes will graduate, and there are smaller numbers in lower grades but preschool is full as well as kindergarten. Hope to have more registrants in order to open another class putting our total to 3 classes for each of those groups.

Will be doing Pennies for Patients as part of Catholic Schools week plus Teacher appreciation; Also brought back Bingo which has been a big success.

Working on school survey which board will review next meeting. The survey will be available for completion online. It gives us the chance to get parent feedback and use for accreditation process. Blue ribbon school update—applied but we were turned down. We did make it through initial apps. 130 applicants went through the process with only 50 schools selected. We will reapply next year.

Cremer Grant- pursuing this grant; provides funding for financial aid; would receive approx \$10,000 to be dedicated to financial aid for families; If we get the grant, would not need to reapply-- aid would be forever. School board elections—2 positions open; one parish rep and one parent rep.(must have child in school) Will redistricting impact us? Not unless it is Rosa Parks

**Finance** – report given by Steve McCauley – committee met last Wednesday; Locking in rate on bonds was main point of discussion. Voted on proposal to lock in debt at 3.9% 10 year amortization that resets xxx 3.9 – 4.15 unanimous decision to lock in. Thought is that rates must go up.

As of today rates are locked. Walter reported that we met annual appeal thru a last minute donation.

Dreamstakes – scheduled for April 24<sup>th</sup>. Question was raised about Malone’s being too expensive but the committee decided to stay there one more year.

\$19,000 was raised for Haiti support efforts from the Mass collection. A member of the PPC suggested the possibility of have a couple of “MQ debt relief” Sundays. Nothing was decided.

Piggyback campaign was discussed; Jeanne and Walter are working with the Bishop on that. Save at least \$150,000 annually factoring in annual appeal as well.

**Business Manager** - report given by Walter Leachman; **(report attached)**

## MQHR PPC Meeting 1/26/10 Business Mgr's Report

- Offertory for fiscal year 09/10 thru 30 weeks is \$962,250 or \$32,075 avg. Budget average is \$35,129. We are under budget by \$91,635.
- Current Development pledge status: Overall pledges 1,113,567 ... paid \$625,580 or short 487,987.
- 2009 Diocesan Annual Appeal= we met our goal of \$109,489 due to a last minute donor.
- The 2009 Year End tax letters were sent on Thursday 1/21.
- 2010 Offertory pledges received thus far are 467 compared to 437 at the same time last year. Average pledge \$2,412 vs. \$2,188, or an increase of 10% avg.
- Mary Queen has raised \$19,377 for Haiti.
- Christmas donations were approximately \$47K compared to the previous high of \$40K.
- The Gaming Report for 2009 is prepared and due by 1/31.
- Dreamstakes Event is set for 4/24/10. Mark your calendars.
- A Restricted donation in the amount of \$20,000 was received in December.
- The Finance Council last met on 1/20/10. The major discussion items were the following:
  8. School Finance – School Finance met on January 5th. The enrollment, collections, 10/11 Budget preparation & tuition, and preparation of a new 09/10 outlook were discussed.
  9. December Financials were discussed. With the benefit of the bequest and reduced spending, the Church has not experienced a cash flow issue yet, but we have only paid \$100,000 down on the line of credit...\$50,000 Church and \$50,000 School. Our line of credit is \$202,000 or \$97,169.45 = school, \$104,830.55 = church.
  10. The bank qualified tax exempt loan was executed with PNC / National City Bank on 12/30/09. The bond with 5<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> bank was redeemed. We are locking the interest rate as soon as possible to take advantage of the current low interest rates.
  11. **The Diocesan Guidance in Giving Campaign has been proposed to affect Mary Queen of the Holy Rosary in January 2010. A subcommittee was created to study the options and recommended we adopt the “piggy-back” option and apply to the PAC for a reduction proposal at the next meeting. We met with the PAC on November 11<sup>th</sup> and requested a reduction from \$828K to \$507K and begin the campaign on 1/1/11. The request was granted, but must also have a 2010 annual appeal of approx \$176K. So, ultimately the amount for the piggy back option went from \$828K to \$683K, or a reduction of \$145K. Additionally, we requested a waiver on the hiring of an outside counsel for fundraising since we have an**

**experienced fundraiser in our Development Director Jeanne Suchanek. A meeting is planned for 2/2 with the Bishop.**

**New business** –PPC elections are coming and we need to begin recruiting candidates to fill the open positions. Mike Hogge and Stever McCauley are rotating off. Email names to Mike Hogge and John Saindon; Need Social Justice and Worship chairs, too; Those committees should send recommendations to PPC as well. An Executive committee meeting will be held to review nominations. A general notice of the openings will be placed in the bulletin. Elections will be held the end of April. New members will be seated in June.

**Old business** – none

**Pastor's report:**

Fr. Bob has been approached by various parishioners asking for an opportunity to make presentation on various topics to the parish community such as how to keep orderly medical records for yourself, estate planning, funeral planning, etc. Walter and Fr. Bob have been talking about this. Fr. Bob would like input from the PPC on the idea of having one evening or one weekend where people could do this. Various options on how to handle this was discussed including how other parishes have done this; It was recognized that this type of information could benefit the parish members but it was also recommended to keep the information generic and not a sales pitch for the specific company someone represented. Ideas included a format with Presentation, lunch, and booth opportunities afterwards. Also suggested was to offer participation to those that advertise in the bulletin.

The next Parish council meeting will be on February 23rd, 2010