

**MQHR Parish Pastoral Council Minutes 4/27/10**

**Members in attendance:** Fr. Bob Nieberding, Walter Leachman, Cora Mudd, Jeanne Suchanek, Scott Vogt, John Saindon, Steve McCauley, Julia Denny, Bill Drane, Ally Wells, Jeff Schriefer, Bill Longworth, Ginger Fraser.

**Additional Attendees:** John Mitchell, Scott King, Michael Steinmetz

John Saindon called the meeting to order at 7:05pm. Fr. Bob lead us in prayer.

March minutes were approved with one correction.

\*\*\*\*\* FY11 Budget Discussion \*\*\*\*\*

Budget subcommittee members Scott King, Steve McCauley and Michael Steinmetz presented the proposed FY11 Parish Budget. Two packets were distributed: one for the school, the other for the church parish;

There is an \$80,000 challenge (deficit) that needs to be met but decision was to wait for the new pastor to get input on which programs/areas to cut. It should be noted that the school is OK. The operating budget for the church is what will need adjusting.

The assumptions that were made to formulate the Church budget were reviewed. The budget included Mary Queen to have 190 students at Lexington Catholic. Currently, less than 190 have registered and the registration date has passed. School Budget assumptions were also reviewed. Teacher salaries are based on 91% of Fayette County. A 3% increase was budgeted to keep up. Tuition increased by 10% but has not increased for the past two years and still is the lowest in the Diocese. A complete list of Church and School Budget assumptions were included in the documentation that was distributed.

The Finance council recommended coming up with a contingency plan in the event we could not recoup the deficit. Offertory budget from last year is what got us in trouble this year. Nearly 10% of offertory did not come through at yearend last year and we are still behind by that amount. Discussed reasoning behind determining how much to increase the offertory projections. The Council approved the budget as presented. The budget was presented to Finance council and they made a recommendation to Fr. Bob for approval. Father Bob has final word on budget approval.

Walter explained why he prefers formulating the budget based on feedback and input from individual areas instead of a top down approach. He will meet with Laura and formation folks to look at the amount allocated for formation programs (after allowing for payroll) and work with them to determine how to allocate formation dollars.

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We welcomed Ally Wells as the new Youth representative to the Parish Council. She is a freshman at Lexington Catholic.

John Mitchell gave a presentation on the topic of updating the Parish web site. There is now a display board in the Gathering area. The TV was donated by an anonymous donor. There is also a lot of information on the Parish web site. We get approximately 5000 viewings per month. Homilies from the weekend are on there, too.

John is the webmaster and needs our help. He can only put information on the website when sent to him. A few units routinely send in items for posting. The Sacramental Formation group frequently sends in postings. The site can be as useful as we want it to be. Jeanne said John really makes things look good when you send it to him. He not only posts the information very quickly but the presentation is very appealing, too. To submit information for posting to the site, send it as an email attachment to John Mitchell. He can reproduce it on the website just as you send it. Also tell him which section of the site it needs to be placed in and the date to publish.

In order to get information posted on the display board in the church, he will need the information two weeks prior to event.

**Evangelization** – Bill Longworth gave the report. The committee is considering one of two training events; one in May another in November. They will be contacting people to see if they are interested in attending. They want to start a parish class, possibly this summer.

**Worship committee** – Fr. Bob gave the report; Holy week liturgy was very well done. Attendance was good. RCIA folks attended potluck on Monday after and were very moved by the services. One wrote an email to Cara Johnson that was top notch. He praised her for all she did and really enjoyed the whole experience. Some of the participants will give witness talks on Pentecost Sunday.

May is the month of Mary. May Crowning is being done by formation group on May 9<sup>th</sup> at statute. School will do crowning on the 10<sup>th</sup>. On Corpus Christi, we will have an outdoor procession. Bill Drane suggested procession would be a chance to merge the two communities and maybe have a potluck at end. Fr. Bob will forward to Fr. Eulices.

Fr. Bob is working on getting a Worship Committee chair.

**Religious Formation**- report given by Bill Drane. (See attached)

Youth Report -given by Ally Wells. Several MQ youth attended the Net retreat last Friday. Approx. 40 youth in total from our diocese attended. They are preparing to discuss Ignite Your Torch retreat and are discussing fund raisers including a car wash. This will be advertised on 1380 radio; They are looking for a service project—Ronald McDonald house is being considered.

## RELIGIOUS FORMATION REPORT TO PPC

APRIL 2010

### **Sacramental Formation**

Confirmation - Thurs., Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm and Sat., Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm.

1<sup>st</sup> Communion - Sat., May 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm. Family Choice.

1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation 2011 - Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> Communion 2011 - April 30<sup>th</sup> or May 7<sup>th</sup>.

### RCIA

The current Spanish Adult RCIA group will receive the sacraments 5/23.

4 unbaptized children are to begin August 15<sup>th</sup>.

3 unbaptized adults are being prepared for the 2011 Easter Vigil.

Reminder: From June 2010 forward all baptized Catholics will receive Confirmation from the Bishop. They will follow the regular order for receipt of sacraments; First Reconciliation in Jan.-Feb., First Communion in March, April and May with Confirmation occurring the following Fall.

Additionally: Cara is investigating the feasibility of obtaining translation headphones that will allow for simultaneous language translation during Sacramental orientation and other events. Sr. Sandy Delgado is looking into buying translation headphone sets for the Diocese and allowing parishes to rent them. Cara has reserved their use for the August 29<sup>th</sup> Confirmation Orientation. Future consideration may be given to MQ parish purchasing our own as Cara estimates they could be used as many as 40 Sundays per year. Cost to purchase is approx. \$3,200 for 25 sets.

## **Children's Formation**

Children's Chosen Day promoting vocations was held yesterday.

May Crowning and the last day of the 2009-2010 Children's Formation Program year will be Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup>.

Beginning next year minimum mandatory parental participation will be required either in the classrooms or hallways during Sunday Formation.

As a result of conversations between the Children's Advisory Team and Catholic Mutual Ins. Co. the procedure for drop off and pick up of children will be amended to allow parents to designate in writing another that may be allowed to pick up their child. An appropriate age restriction has yet to be determined.

Traffic cones will be used between the church and ELC building to promote a safer pedestrian crossing on Sundays.

## **Adult Formation**

Issues involving non-Mary Queen parishioners participation in Virtus Training classes have arisen that need attention. These issues generally involve their lack of attention to details provided on the Virtus Registration Site. As a result they arrive late or claim to be unaware of the length of the program. Some demonstrate ambivalence to the material as presented during class.

All Adult Formation program participants will henceforth be asked for set donations to cover their course material costs.

Promotion for the *Immersed In Christ* sessions will start in May with the first session beginning on Pentecost Sunday.

*Why Catholic* concludes it's third Program Session this Fall and has one more program session remaining which will begin next year.

Catechist Certification classes will begin in June.

**Stewardship and Development** –report given by Jeanne Suchanek. Walter and Jeanne discussed delinquent letters; Prizes are still needed for 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary logo contest.

**Social Justice**- no report

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

#### PPC MEETING - APRIL 27, 2010 COMMUNITY LIFE

1. A reception was held after the Easter Vigil Services for the 14 newly baptized “neophytes” on Saturday, April 3, 2010.
2. The last Whole Community Assembly Program was held on Sunday, April 18, 2010. Father Steve Roberts and Eric Sanstaad presented a program on “The openness to God’s call, that we are all chosen”. This was also Donut Sunday hosted by the Girl Scouts.
3. The Festival Meeting was held on April 15, 2010. The committee decided to keep the ticket cost at \$25.00 per ticket. Prizes will be Early Bird - \$500.00; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – 1,000.00; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – School Tuition or \$4,188.00 and 1<sup>st</sup> Place- \$10,000.00.  
Entertainment – Committee decided that bands would not be hired this year. Instead, we are looking at possibly using local high schools for some entertainment as well as using an iPod with speakers vs a DJ.  
Friday and Saturday night sit down dinners will still be held in the cafeteria.  
Friday – Fish and Chips –run by Eric Byrd  
Saturday – Possibly a vendor meal – Jean Boulanger will be researching this.  
The next meeting will be held on August 27,2010.
4. The Mary Queen Dreamstakes Social Event and Reverse Raffle was held on Saturday night, April 24, 2010. Walter has the detailed info on this and will give the report.

## ADULT AND FAMILY MINISTRY

1. The Catholic Action Dinners were prepared and served by our MQHR CAC group on March 28 and April 25, 2010 at the Catholic Action Center.
2. The April 24, 2010 hike to the East Pinnacles was cancelled due to rain.
3. A Derby Potluck Dinner was held in the ELC cafeteria on April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010. KY Burgoo and drinks were furnished by Mary Queen. Those who attended brought a dish of food to go along with the Burgoo.

Respectively Submitted: Cora R. Mudd

**Communications committee** – no report but Ron asked Bill to update the PPC on the Church directory discussion; Bill visited with the committee to discuss the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. If they wanted directory to be available to distribute in October, now was the time to begin preparing. They developed reasons for why this is an appropriate time to consider directory. It will be a good tool for the new pastor to match names and faces. An online version of the directory will also be available. Administration of online directory can keep database up to date. Communications committee approved moving ahead with the directory.

Fr. Bob has some concerns. We have 1800+ families but not that many have pictures in the directory. It does give you the names and addresses of all people. It would be a great idea for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary but probably not a good time right now due to other things that are occurring in the parish.

Bill shared that the Newman Center has recently done this and had good participation. Participation depends on the amount of promotion that occurs. We could also use this for a fund raiser by selling advertising. Fr. Bob will ponder this and get back with Bill.

**School Board** – report given by Julie Denny; They discussed Mary Queen school policy on volunteers and made modification to one paragraph..

**Finance** – no report in lieu of FY11 Budget.

**Business Manager** – no report

**New business** – none.

**Old business** – none.

**Pastor's report**- none.

The next Parish council meeting will be on May 25, 2010.