

MQHR Parish Pastoral Council Minutes 10/27/09

Members in attendance: Fr. Bob, Bill Drane, John Mitchell, Cora Mudd, Jeff Schriefer, David Lawson, Deacon Bill Rood, Chelsea Allen, Ron Wedding, Walter Leachman, Laura Prewitt (representing School Board), Kevin Lamping, Ginger Fraser and Mike Hogge.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01pm by the chair, Mike Hogge. The meeting was opened with a prayer lead by John Mitchell.

The minutes from the September 9, 2009 PPC meeting were approved as read.

Evangelization Committee - no report given

Worship committee – report given by John Mitchell. Ron Wedding suggested putting holy water on left and right sides just outside the doors as we enter the sanctuary; This would be easier on the elderly and handicapped to get out of the church and have access to the holy water. Current configuration with the only source being the baptismal fount causes much congestion at the doorways after Mass. We have one at the Choir room entrance. Fr. Bob is going to investigate.

Religious Formation: Report given by Bill Drane. Laura Prewitt asked if it was possible to suspend the required Sacramental Formation classes for those who have children at the MQ school. Some parents and teachers have issues with having to attend these sessions. The children are getting excellent catechesis at school so these extra sessions seem unnecessary. There was discussion on this topic. Father Bob said he would not feel comfortable making a change at this point since this is a pastoral decision. When agreeing to fill in for Father Joe, he agreed that he would not make any major changes. Laura stated she just wanted the Parish Council to be aware of the concerns. Also it was mentioned that initially people did not understand the change. One of the objectives was to bring the full community together—home schooled, CCD and Mary Queen school children to prepare for the sacraments. It was better accepted once the objective was more clearly understood.

Youth Report: Report given by Chelsea Allen; At their October 1st meeting, they discussed various community service opportunities; also developing a mission statement.

Bill Drane asked if they though developing and managing their own Web page might be useful and provide a means for communicating with other teens. The group currently has a Facebook page is being used for this purpose.

Stewardship and Development Committee: Report given by Kevin Lamping. Stewardship of Treasure Commitment weekend will be 11/14 and 11/15. The two weekends prior (10/31,11/1 and 11/7,11/8) will be lay witness talks centering on ‘What

the Church means to them' and 'Giving of God's first fruits'. Pledge status letters were mailed. We continue to move forward on the children Stewardship model

Social Justice: We are still looking for a Social Justice coordinator. Father Bob will approach Father Nick to see if he will pursue finding someone to fill this position.

Community Life: report given by Cora Mudd; No rain for the festival—thanks for the prayers! Estimate we made approximately \$70,000 again this year but final total is not yet available. The new events were a success, especially the Hispanic food booth.

Communication Committee: No report given; Committee did not meet; Ron Wedding did mention that he is getting the sign out front repainted and relettered. There was some discussion of additional signage but we are currently exceeding the limits for our zoning so any new signage would need careful consideration.

School Board Committee: Report given by Laura Prewitt. Currently have 450 students; Beginning early admission process the first of next month. The committee is considering ideas for encouraging early registration and may propose giving those who register in advance some kind of financial break. They are also having a hard time getting volunteers and are working to generate ideas on how to get others involved. The atmosphere is great and the school is doing very well. Father Bob has been a real blessing!

Finance Committee: No report given; Scott Vogt is new chair.

Business Manager's report: report given by Walter Leachman. See attached report.

Old business- Ginger Fraser has accepted an at large appointment to the Parish Council which is a 3 year term. She will serve as recorder beginning tonight.

New Business – next month's meeting is the Tuesday before Thanksgiving. All present agreed to go ahead and hold the meeting since we do not have a meeting in December. Ron Wedding and Jeff Schriefer will not be able to attend.

Pastor's report- Currently there are 5 volunteers to help with our 50th anniversary celebration. Fr. Bob would like to have someone from each committee. It has been suggested that instead of having just one day of celebration, to make it a year long event. The group is pursuing having 4 days throughout the year for recollection/retreat with the theme based on the mysteries of the Rosary.

The Sunday morning class on the Catechism has had poor attendance of late. Father discussed with Cara and they agreed to suspend the class for the time being.

It has been suggested that we consider putting bulletins out of site before Mass to prevent people from reading them during Mass. Father Bob has some concerns about this and has asked for additional feedback from the Worship Committee before making a decision.

Ron stated that the objective in the past has been to get the bulletin in people's hands and voiced concerns as well.

The Bishop's surgery went very well. His thyroid has been removed and will be biopsied.

Masses for Christmas- 8:15am Mass was not well attended last year. It was recommended and approved to have a 9:00am mass instead and keep the other Mass times from last year unchanged.

On All Souls day, the 6:15pm Mass will be bilingual.

There was a recent article in the Frankfort paper that implied there were new charges against Fr. Joe but that was incorrect. What really occurred is that the Frankfort Commonwealth Attorney will pursue prosecution against Fr. Joe. There will be a public court trial sometime after Christmas. Since the case is in court status, the Diocesan investigation has been suspended. The original Diocesan investigation was to go for no more than 180 days which would conclude in December but now it will go longer due to the public trial. Father Bob will get with John Mitchell to get a statement on the MQ web site.

The next PPC meeting is November 24, 2009 at 7:00pm