

## MQHR Parish Pastoral Council Minutes 11/23/09

Members in attendance: Fr. Bob, Bill Drane, John Mitchell, Cora Mudd, Walter Leachman, Scott Vogt, Jeanne Suchanek, Julia Denny, Dan Yeager, Bill Richer, John Saindon standing in for Mike Hogge.

John Saindon called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. John Mitchell lead us in prayer.

October 2009 minutes were approved with one correction from Bill Drane: "Sunday morning sacramental formation classes will continue for MQ school children". Ginger will correct and forward to John Mitchell.

It was agreed that committee chairs would submit their reports for the month to Ginger on the Friday before the scheduled PPC meeting. She will forward them to the committee for review prior to the meeting. Having the reports in advance should expedite discussion at the meeting. Everyone needs to submit their reports for November to her for attachment to this month's minutes as soon as possible.

**Evangelization** – no report given

**Worship committee** – report given by John Mitchell; Plans for Advent were discussed. The theme will be "Change Our Hearts". Announcement will be in the bulletin and mentioned at all Masses; Missals will be changed out without the covers which are in bad shape. Extraordinary ministers of communion have received commissions for 3 years. When commission is up, they can be re-commissioned if desired.

A replacement is needed for Christy Tucker as recorder for the Worship committee; The devotion for December will be "Our Lady of Lourdes". Thanksgiving day Mass will be at 9:00am. Ann Peck will serve as the Worship Committee representative on the Parish 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee.

**Religious formation** - report given by Bill Drane (see attached); Sacramental formation classes are beginning; Confirmations went well this week; A total of 137 were confirmed. The Bishop was very impressed with the class. Fr. Bob commented that Cara Johnson does an excellent job with the confirmation preparations and planning.

First reconciliation dates remain the same. Registration will occur after masses next weekend.

Next year we will use open ended registration format for adult formation; for example, once 10 people register, will resume adult catechism. Laura Hack will assume responsibility for adult formation beginning the first of the year. Certification of Catechist and Virtus training will also be her responsibility.

Discussed the letter from Laura—suspending preK through 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes through the summer months so we can focus on the community gathering. The committee is considering asking parents to come in on rotational basis to have 2 adults present in the classroom.

**Youth-** report given by Bill Drane; A youth advisory team has been formed. Getting very good input. Youth will have a clothing drive in November for CAC. They will also decorate the truck trailer to be used for holiday gift contributions.

**Stewardship and Development** – Bill Ritcher gave the report. The committee is working toward developing children's stewardship; one committee member will visit SEAS to get their input on how to approach this—they are a little further down the road in implementing the program than we are. Had lay witness talks for two weekends; Stewardship Commitment was held last weekend; Doing follow ups in next few weeks. Committee

meeting for Dec. was cancelled and will resume meeting in January. Jennifer Longworth has joined the committee.

**Social Justice-** Fr. Nick is looking for a chair for this committee. Cora Mudd gave a report on Build for Cabby Akers: the issue to be addressed at Build by community leadership is the usage and selling of drugs by youth. It is very difficult to get them into treatment. The rally will be held on March 8<sup>th</sup> with the main meeting on March 22<sup>n</sup>. Mary Queen's goal is to have 250 MQ representatives at the March 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

**Community life-** report given by Cora Mudd; **Karen Rood presented.....** A reception was held after the Confirmation Masses with the Bishop.

Adult and Family ministry cancelled their potluck due to lack of participation. They have scheduled another one on Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> after the 5:30pm Mass on Sunday hoping for better attendance. It will be a German meal and St. Nick will visit.

“Why Catholic” sessions finished up on Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>. Catholic Action Center dinner last week went well. Theology on Tap is being planned.

Community Life will meet again in January.

**Communications committee** – no report

**School Board** – Dan Yeager gave the report. The Board met Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>. The school currently has 450 students enrolled; Grandparents celebration was held in 5<sup>th</sup> grade; Thanksgiving break began today; book fair scheduled for Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>;

The school will submit a Blue Ribbon application—these are federally funded through the No Child Left Behind program; application is due on Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>; Ms. Brown has arranged for many people to review the application some of which have worked on applications before. There are about 4-500 applicants annually with only 50 forwarded to Dept of Education for consideration.

**Finance** – report given by Scott Vogt; delinquent tuition as of this date totals \$41,000. Committee is identifying and applying some methods for encouraging timely payment. Turning off access to online student information and withhold report cards have been implemented; Discussions for further follow up included sending letters and phone calls to the parents; Current projections show shortfall at the end of the year; The committee will work on tuition rates in the next couple of months.

Open house was held at the school last week where 15 students/ 12 families attended. MQ students lead the tour of the school. Some paid registration during open house.

Next meeting of the committee will be Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Development?- report given by .....?** Finance council is trying to get committees to meet outside of regular meeting to get input. The request for One Faith program was turned in to Bishop Gainer. He liked the presentation. Gary Moren, Scott Keen and xxx and Walter Leachman were there for support. We do not have an answer back but did ask for a graduated payment plan; we will use piggyback method. Also asked for waiver on the outside council to do a fundraiser but since we have Jeannie..... **Scott--- this all needs some work!**

At current rate, we will not meet budget--- have asked for ideas to raise revenues and determine what we can do to bring more gifts and donations into the parish.

Waiting for bond update before locking in the interest rate on **? loan for ?** Representatives met with our bank on Thursday of last week and it looks like we can lock in at 3.73% . Asked the bank when they think rates will go up and they said they expect a little bit of fluctuation but rates will remain flat for the next 9 months. We do want to take advantage of the very low rates so are working to get all paper work done and have Bishop Gainer sign by Jan 4<sup>th</sup> 2010. We are on schedule to meet that date.

No meeting of Finance in Dec. Fr. Bob will write an article about the campaign in the bulletin.

**Business Manager** - report was given by Walter Leachman. The offertory is \$123,000 short. Jeanne and Kelly did a great job on the Centric Report. Kelly is going to put together a list to compare pledges from last year to this year to determine.....**Walter—this needs work!**

**New business** – none

**Old business** – none

**Pastor's report:** Fr. Bob- All Souls liturgy where we give crosses to families went very well—it was a beautiful ceremony. Bilingual Mass on the Immaculate Conception will be held at 6:15pm on the actual day of the feast.

Bishop Gainer's recovery is going well. Please keep him in your prayers.

Fr. Joe was recently arraigned in a Franklin County court. A trial date will be set for late winter. Two weeks ago a lawyer filed suit against the Diocese of Covington suing for monetary damages related to the alleged actions by Fr. Joe. Please keep Fr. Joe in your prayers.

When Fr. Bob took his current assignment with MQ, he agreed to stay until Christmas. Since Diocese had to suspend its investigation of Fr. Joe due to the Franklin County suit, Fr. Bob has been asked by the Bishop to stay at least through Easter. He may be here through July 1<sup>st</sup>. Fr. Bob has accepted this challenge. Please keep him in your prayers, too. Father will include this announcement in the December 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> bulletin.

Fr. Bob said that his service to Mary Queen over the past few months has been the greatest thing both physically and spiritually to happen to him since retirement.

The next Parish council meeting will be on January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010