

**Mary Queen of the Holy Rosary  
Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)  
Approved Meeting Minutes – September 26, 2006**

Father Joe led us in prayer, and then the meeting was called to order at 7:10pm. In attendance were Dan Burch, Father Steve Roberts, Jeri Stromquist, Cindy Hellinger, Peggy Gabriel, Karen Snider, Al Arbogast, John Mitchell, Kabby Akers, Leo Brown, Enid Timoney Father Joe Muench, Walter Leachman, Paula Voborsky, George Blandford, Barb Ulaszek and Aaron Corley. Others in attendance were Conor McCarthy and Clodagh Kellett.

The August minutes were approved with no corrections.

**Finance Committee**

Held a meeting with School Board. The school budget is currently \$70,000 short of meeting expenses at present—enrollment 25-30 pupils short of expectation. School has a good record of working to reduce expenses. There will be a Finance meeting tomorrow. By January 2007 it is anticipated that school and parish finances will be separated as requested by the diocese.

**PAC – Peggy Gabriel**

The committee has finished 1<sup>st</sup> draft of the Formation Handbook. They had hoped to meet with Father Joe on Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. Meeting was planned tentatively for Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm due to Father Joe's scheduled absence on the prior date. Formation classes started on September 10<sup>th</sup> with a lot of registrations accepted that day. Classes are going well with about 400 plus people attending the first Whole Community Assembly day on September 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Music – Karen Snider**

Karen has started working with the school choir with practice after school for 1 hour. Attendance is growing with 20 children at the first session, and 32 at the second practice. All church choir rehearsals began on September 24<sup>th</sup>. Attendance at the new 5:30pm Mass has been about 200+. Liturgical changes will be occurring gradually.

**Liturgy – Father Joe**

Father Joe gave report due to Jenna Canning's absence. Father Joe says that the Forty Hours Celebration is the biggest event being prepared at present. The October 7<sup>th</sup> Mass at 4pm is a special Mass celebrated to honor our patron Mary, Queen of the Holy Rosary. Bishop Gainer has given his permission for this celebration. Father Joe reminded us that we are also celebrating Father Bob Nieberding's Golden Anniversary of Priestly Ordination this weekend. Father Bob will preside at the Forty Hours closing and Bishop Ronald Gainer will give the homily. There will be a dinner after the Forty Hours closing to honor Father Bob. All in the parish are invited.

**Social Action – Kabby Akers**

BUILD had a meeting at Kabby's house on September 25<sup>th</sup> to discuss issues for the meeting next week. The big issue meeting will be held on October 23 at Shiloh Baptist Church. The CAC dinners continue to go very well.

### **Youth – Aaron Corley**

The Youth Group kickoff held at the beginning of the month went very well. There was a good turnout with a lot of new people. Youth group is growing well. There will be Vocations Dinner at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton on October 2<sup>nd</sup> for the youth in the diocese to help them discover vocation options. On Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, Youth Group will spend time at 40 Hours Celebration at 5:30pm. The Youth Band will be playing at Mary Queen's Fall Festival in the early part of this event. One King Train will play at 5pm on Friday.

### **School Board –Enid Timoney**

School Board held their meeting on September 11<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Keller reported that all is going well. A letter has been sent to all parents explaining the drop-off procedure, and it has improved. Also, carpooling is being strongly encouraged. David Carter will be meeting with the city regarding carpooling efforts and traffic reduction. The Diocesan School Board will be meeting with Fayette County Schools to discuss the possibility of busing parochial school students. Father Joe has communicated sacramental changes to school parents. Edline now has review of videos for Music class online for parents. Dietary changes have been made to make lunches healthier—low fat milk, more fruits and whole grain breads, and sugary drinks removed.

### **Stewardship – George Blandford**

Stewardship Committee met on Wednesday 8/23/06 and Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>. Stewardship of Treasure weekend will be held November 11-12. This was moved back from Spring to better assist parishioners with their financial planning to coincide with the tax year. Fr. Joe has requested the Stewardship Committee follow up with a door-to-door campaign to non-responsive parishioners. We will need many volunteers. Walter and George are working on the 2005-2006 Pastoral Report on Stewardship. George Blandford is serving on the Diocesan Stewardship Planning Committee led by Deacon Bill Wakefield. Initial planning meeting is 9/28; next Stewardship meeting is Tuesday, October 3.

### **Education Formation – Paula Voborsky**

Paula states that almost 300 children are registered with more registrations continuing to be received. The high school number (45) is not included in the above number count. Seventy-five to eighty adults have registered. Fr. Steve is working with ministry for the homebound of our parish. Each week a different class will be doing cards or crafts for these parish members. Several hundred are now VIRTUS trained. The next Whole Faith Assembly will be held on October 15<sup>th</sup> with an All Saints theme. Father Joe will be our speaker for this meeting.

### **At-Large Members**

Leo Brown inquired about a prayer team in our parish. We have Prayer Network and at least one mass each week is offered for our parish. We should all be praying for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Leo Brown asked if Fr. Joe could meet with the school parents for a Question and Answer session. Father Joe stated that he would work with Paula to arrange a date for this meeting.

John Mitchell expressed his appreciation to Dan Burch for providing the meeting snacks.

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

Personnel Issue: John Lazzari has submitted his resignation as Parish Life Coordinator. He has served well for almost 3 years, and we thank John and his family for their dedicated service to our parish.

Diocesan Financial Review was conducted last month with Deacon Bill Wakefield—no report yet.

Parish and school books will be separated. This was recommended by the diocese.

The Mint Julep property has not yet been sold.

Line of Credit--\$200,000 of the \$226,749 assessment on September 1<sup>st</sup> has been borrowed.

MQ Annual Report and Diocesan Assessment for 2005/06 were submitted on Sept. 1.

Diocesan Annual Appeal 2006/07 Update: 302 pledges--\$78,189 pledges. Goal=\$111,240; shortfall=\$33,051. Appeal ends Dec. 31, 2006. Any shortfall comes from our parish operations.

No Finance Council meeting since last PPC meeting. Next meeting—September 27.

Offertory is averaging 2% above the prior year-\$21,926—but we need \$27,499 weekly.

Our projected overall net loss is \$62,000 (including the school) if we meet offertory and Annual Appeal goals.

We have received restricted donations totaling \$50,460.

Pastoral Report on Stewardship with fiscal year-end information is nearly complete.

The Festival is October 13-14. Goal is \$95,000 net. Please pray for good weather and plan to attend this fundraiser.

### **Pastor's Report – Father Joe Muench**

Thank you to Father Steve and Paula and the Formation Committee for all their work. Father Joe is very happy with the attendance numbers. Forty Hours Celebration will be a wonderful event for our parish—it will be yearly. It will be a wonderful tribute to Father Bob for his 50 years of service in the priesthood. Father Joe is very grateful that John Lazzari is kind enough to oversee this event before resigning his Parish Life position. The last weekend of October MQ will host Bishop Gainer as our presider for the 11am Mass (Sunday, October 29). John Mitchell reports that we have 5 people coming into full communion and 1 will be confirmed at the 11am Mass on October 15<sup>th</sup>. October 29<sup>th</sup> 8:15am Mass will be for our Catechumens.

Father Joe encourages participation at the festival—church will be open for tours and Karen Snider has volunteered to be available to do this. Volunteers to help her are welcome. The Diocese is seeking to initiate a Parish Vocation Council with a need for 8 to 10 people to serve. This is to help promote vocations within our parish. Youth can serve. Dan Burch volunteered to serve.

Father Joe feels good about the recent Diocesan Presbyteral Council discussion on whole community catechesis and restoration of the order of reception of the sacraments, particularly since some 50% of Catholics have never been confirmed. Father Joe is celebrating 25 years of the priesthood. Congratulations to Father Joe.

### **Ad Hoc Communications Committee**

Ron Wedding stated that the Ad Hoc Communications Committee has not met. They would like to meet with Father Joe possibly on Tuesday, October 10 possibly at 10am. It was noted that the Diocese has found an online survey collection site named Survey Monkey that can process up to 5000 entries. The fee is \$20 monthly.

There was no further business. The next meeting was moved up to Tuesday, October 17 at 7pm due to Father Joe's anticipated absence.

The November meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 21 at 7pm.

Reminder: On November 22, 2006 at 5:30pm the Mass will honor St. Cecilia.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Ulaszek, Recorder  
George Blandford, Editor