

Mary Queen of the Holy Rosary PPC Meeting Minutes 07/24/07

The meeting began at 7:05 pm with a prayer by Fr. Joe. In attendance were Fr. Joe, John Mitchell, Mona Brown, Leo Brown, Cindy Hellinger, Jenna Canning, Ryan VanDaniker, Fr. Noel, Steve McCauley, Al Arbogast, Enid Timoney, Kabby Akers, Paula Voborsky, Ron Wedding and Jerri Stromquist.

Others in attendance were: John Saindon.

There were no corrections to the proposed minutes of the 6/26/07 PPC meeting. Motion was moved to approve minutes and were accepted.

The current At-Large members include Cindy Hellinger, Al Arbogast, Mike Hogue, John Mitchell, Leo Brown, Dan Burch, Steve McCauley and Frank Parigi. Election of the Executive Committee was conducted and the following officers are:

Chair – Leo Brown, Vice Chair – Dan Burch, Convener – John Mitchell, Recorder – Mike Hogue, Liaison of Finance – Steve McCauley, Liaison of School – Frank Parigi and Honorary Senior Counselor – Al Arbogast. Officers were chosen by acclamation. It was announced that Cora Mudd will be the Parish Life Coordinator and Cindy Hellinger will be the Chairman of Parish Life. There will not be a transition team. The Vice Chair will be responsible for this task.

Social Action – The first BUILD meeting was held at Mary Queen with a light attendance. This was an informational meeting to inform those interested about BUILD and how to get other people involved. Dinner was served at the Catholic Action Center to an extremely large crowd. The Center is purchasing three houses in the neighborhood for single mothers with children. The parish will be adopting one family and giving a shower of necessities to help get them started.

Finance – The Mint Julep house will close on Monday, July 30th. The closing on the new priest residence will be tomorrow. The address is 541 Hill N Dale. David Carter is preparing sketches to modify the property necessary to meet diocesan guidelines for a priest residence which include 2-3 bedroom suites, a common living area, dining area, kitchen, 3 car garage and 3 exits. An estimation of cost is \$100-\$150,000. The new budget only had a 6% increase vs. 11% last year. This year we were only in the red \$5,000.

Stewardship – There will be an informational overview meeting held on August 21st to discuss total stewardship. The real tuition cost per student is \$5,700. Mary Queen gives \$100,000 a year (500 per student assessment from each parish) to Lexington Catholic. Fr. Joe has confidence that we can do it and encourages a movement forward to reach potential.

Youth – This summer the teens of our parish have been very active in Diocesan events such as: Christian Leadership Institute, Search Retreat, and the Steubenville Youth Conference. We have been holding our regular Monday (Middle School) and Wednesday (High School) summer nights. On September 9th (Sunday) we will move our High School program from Wednesday night to Sunday evenings (7-9 pm). September 9th will be our first MQHR Lifeteen mass. The Lifeteen mass (5:30 pm) will be on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. Teens will be the primary Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and Servers, etc. integrated with the Adults of our parish. Our kick off on September 9th will include a band (1 King Train) games, and a picnic for the Parish and parish youth/teens.

Worship – No report given.

Business Manager's Report – New donations were the LED bulletin board in the foyer (donated by a parishioner); a fund in the amount of \$12,000 has been established for parents to borrow money for tuition without interest; and, a \$40,000 donation for special projects. We met the Diocesan Annual Appeal goal but we will still send out a mailing due to only 20-25% involvement. Internal controls documents are near finalization for church and school.

Formation – Due to conflicts with the first formation schedule, all formation sessions will be held on Sundays between the 8:15 and 11:00 masses. Confirmation formation will begin on August 26, First Reconciliation will begin in January and First Communion in February. There will be two options for retreats on October 13th and November 3rd.

Communication – The media plasma screen installed in the gathering areas of the church will have current information of activities going on in the parish. The Parish Council and Church Committee Members bulletin board needs to be hung somewhere so parishioners can associate a name to a face. It was suggested to have small pictures in the bulletin associated with the changes where the name would be linked with the article. A pamphlet rack has been requested.

School Board – Tutoring classes are being offered for students going into the 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th grades. Tutorial computer programs have been provided for a number of students to address specific needs so they can progress over the summer. A new middle school math teacher has been employed and she has recent experience with teaching pre-algebra and algebra. Everyday Math will be implemented in grades K-3 for the 2007-2008 school year. The Strategic Planning Committee report is on schedule for completion in the spring of 2008. The Board reached consensus on the following offices for the 2007-2008 school year: Marty Brown will serve as Chair, Greg Mitchell as Vice-Chair, and Shannon Johnson as Secretary. PTO projects for the coming year include fund raising efforts, parent education classes, increased communication, and efforts to generate greater overall participation. The Formation Committee has been approached with concerns about the calendar for Confirmation preparation. Consideration is being given to adjusting the Sacramental calendar. Fr. Joe suggested at the school board meeting to urge the school staff and Board to take steps to get parents and students to correct a problem with homework.

Pastor's Report – Hospitality is very important. I recently visited St. Francis in Wichita. Their Wednesday morning mass was attended by over 600 people. I received 8 contacts and 3 invitations to breakfast. I encourage others to participate. The organ has been placed on hold. The company is reconsidering the price tag to \$152,000. Conquest, which is a diocesan program, will hold weekly meetings at Mary Queen. The bulletin will have a Table of Contents and each committee will have their own page including their report. Sadly enough, only 10-20% of school age children attend Sunday mass. We must turn on this 20% to connect with the remaining 80%. Knights of Columbus signups were the first weekend of August and all current knights must still signup to become a part of the Mary Queen chapter. The knights will formalize on October 7th, the Feast of Mary Queen. I would like for parishioners to have a Mass Journal and ask themselves, "What is God asking of me? What challenged me?" Christ always did three things; feed, heal, and, shelter. We must reach out and engage. "Be the change you want to see in the world." GONDI

The date of the Total Stewardship meeting is Tuesday, August 21, 2007 at 7:15 in the church.

The date of the next meeting is Tuesday, August 28, 2007 at 7:00 PM in the RCIA meeting room.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM.