

Mary, Queen of the Holy Rosary Church
Approved Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
February 27, 2007

Parish Council Chair George Blandford called the meeting to order at approximately 7:05pm. In Attendance: Father Joe Muench, George Blandford, Barb Ulaszek, Ron Wedding, Aaron Corley, Mona Brown, Leo Brown, Jeri Stromquist, Walter Leachman, Kabby Akers, Rebecca DiLoreto, Al Arbogast, Peggy Gabriel, John Mitchell, Karen Snider, Enid Timoney, Cindy Hellinger, Jenna Canning, Paula Voborsky, Dan Burch and Father Steve Roberts

Also in Attendance: John and Marty Kiefer, John Saindon, Joe Stephenson and Sue Kniese
November 2006 meeting minutes were approved with no corrections or changes.

It was noted that the January 23, 2007 Town Hall meeting had a good attendance of 200 plus parishioners. The town hall meeting summary will be posted on the Mary Queen website.

New Business: None.

Old Business: Ad Hoc Restructuring /Re-organization Committee

Jenna Canning reviewed the committee findings with the council and asked for council approval to proceed. If proposal is passed the current committee will continue to work with an extended committee group to work with developing the various committee by-laws. The School Board and Finance Committees will review their individual organizations and operations.

After some discussion George Blandford suggested 6 total At-Large positions for the PPC with 2 to be elected each year. The PPC or Executive Committee, if so named, would then decide what positions the At-Large members would hold, depending on new PPC bylaws. These would be Chair, Co-Chair, Recorder, Convener and 2 Liaisons (one for the School Board and one for Finance Council). PPC Liaisons will not vote at the School Board and Finance Council meetings they attend.

Jenna Canning motioned that this be adopted. Rebecca DiLoreto seconded the motion. PPC members voted to approve the motion.

Father Joe clarified that Finance Council approves budget, but does not govern PPC decisions. PPC advises Father Joe, but does not have final word. Father Joe as pastor has final decision.

Recommendation: Evangelization Committee and Ad Hoc Communications Committee would become standing committees on PPC.

After some discussion, there was a vote to approve youth representation on PPC.

Minimum age for youth representative will be high school junior or 16 years of age.

More discussion on Committee chairs: each committee appoints a representative with a 2-year time frame to serve as a chair. There should also be an alternate.

Decision on how Youth Representative will be named to PPC to be covered at next PPC meeting.

After much discussion, Jeri Stromquist clarified the motion to have 6 At-Large PPC members and 8 ministry committees. Rebecca DiLoreto seconded the motion.

This was approved unanimously with 13 yes votes and 0 no votes.

This was first reading of the motion for PPC structure change.
Clarification for Sue Kniese: Youth will still be in Formation.

Father Joe proposed that the MQ PPC constitution and by-laws be re-written to reflect the proposed changes hopefully within a month. Changes will ultimately need to be presented to the parish. Fr. Joe also noted that the current PPC election process will continue under the current by-laws.

Ad Hoc Communications Committee -Ron Wedding

This group met 2 weeks ago. They asked Jane Tucker to bring sample bulletins. A change to our bulletin could be the addition of an index page to assist parishioners in more easily finding information. Town Hall meeting was well attended. This committee feels this was well done.

Ad Hoc PPC Election Transition Team - Dan Burch

Dan Burch reported that there are 4 enthusiastic candidates. The candidates are Michael (Mike) Hogge, Steve McCauley, Frank Parigi and Jeff Schriefer.

The election to decide these At-Large positions will be held the weekend of March 24/25 2007. The boards with the candidate bios and discernment responses will be in the church gathering area within the next few weeks. John Mitchell noted that he can post candidates and their information on the parish website.

Finance – Jeri Stromquist

Mint Julep property is still for sale. Some additional funds have been allocated for repairs. Weekly offerings are up so the budget deficit gap is closing. The Annual Appeal goal has been met-\$112,754 pledged. Dreamstakes is scheduled for 4/28/07- raffle and event tickets are being sold now. Finance Committee meets tomorrow morning.

School Board – Enid Timoney

Ms. Keller reported school enrollment is at 578 for next year as of 2/12/07. There will be 177 mandatory school attendance days. This adds two days to the school calendar. Bishop Gainer is preparing a pandemic flu outbreak directive. This procedure will be used by the schools, athletic groups, parish and liturgical groups. A bullying proposal will be put in place. The School Finance Committee has recommended direct debit tuition payments for the 2007-08 school year or payment in full by the first due date (June 1). All of the Diocesan schools and parishes are required to determine the full cost of education. The full cost will include school operating cost, allocable maintenance costs, depreciation cost and Diocesan assessments. Beginning January 2007, the school will have its own set of accounting records.

Liturgy – Jenna Canning

Jenna presented the Lenten Mass Schedule. This can be found in the bulletin each week. Reconciliation was added from 4:45pm to 5:15pm before the 5:30pm Sunday evening Mass. Saturday Reconciliation will continue from 2:30pm to 3:30pm on Saturdays as usual. On Friday Stations of the Cross will occur right after Evening Prayer. There will be a Parish Mission on March 25 to 29.

Formation – Paula Voborsky

Peggy Gabriel says PAC has not met recently. The last time they met, they made changes to the Formation Handbook. With the Formation Committee in process there will be changes to come.

Youth – Aaron Corley

There was a Diocesan retreat on February 9 to 11. The Youth Group will sponsor a Lenten fundraiser selling religious articles suitable for First Communion and Confirmation after the Masses on the weekends of March 10/11 and the 17/18. On March 23 there will be a trip to the Cincinnati Zoo. CLI and Search are upcoming events. Youth 2000 is also in the works at cost of \$30. A continuing concern for Youth is their growth and tight space. Scheduling conflicts will need to be carefully looked at over the next several months.

Social Justice – Kabby Akers

This coming Monday evening a B.U.I.L.D. rally is being held. There will be a meeting held on Monday, March 19, 2007 at the Consolidated Baptist Church regarding housing concerns—trailer park regulation, codes, inspections. B.U.I.L.D. dues are currently \$1000 for Mary Queen to continue participation. This is the agreed upon amount currently. Actual dues would normally be higher.

Music – Karen Snider

Choir turnouts are good. Karen is pleased. All choirs began practicing Super Bowl Sunday. There is a new choir for 11-year olds. The congregation is responding well to the changes—Gregorian chant at Mass and other changes. Song sheets with the Mass parts should be available in the pews or the music books.

Stewardship – George Blandford

Stewardship committee will meet next month on 3/5/07. At home follow-up visits to parishioners not responding to Stewardship sign-ups will be delayed until fall. Two weeks after Easter will be Time and Talent signups –April 21st and 22nd.

Business Manager's Report – Walter Leachman

Capital Campaign—approx. 50% of pledges received; approx. 53% of money received. Internal Controls Committee has proposed guidelines for parish. School will be prepared ASAP. Parish Pictorial Directory –picture appointments begin 3/1/07. Restricted donations of \$59K received; \$32K spent—PA system, furniture, vestments. Stewardship of Treasure Offertory Promises received: 500, averaging \$2,153 each. Last 3 years average was \$1500 with 613 pledges. Dollars are up, number of promises down.

Personnel: Nicole Blandford is new parish bookkeeper; thanks to Sue McMillen for her help in the transition. Shaela Hadley is new parish secretary. Shaela and Jane Tucker will assume the coordination for Parish Life activities. Please participate in the Fish Fries—over 400 dinners have been served each week.

Pastor's Report – Fr. Joe

Father Richard Hart will be conducting the mission on March 25 to 29. Ministry training is needed due to new directives for purifying vessels after Communion.

We need 5 years to fully phase in cost/need based model for true school tuition costs.

Families don't know the true cost of educating students at our school. The current budget is still way short of demonstrating the true cost of student education. Even at peak enrollment, current budget is \$900 short per student in terms of true cost. We need to fully support our parish ministry programs. We need decent programs to meet the needs of all families.

School cost/need based changes will enable us to help our school families with the greatest need for financial tuition assistance. Our parish dream/goal would be to see every parish family give 8% of their income to church. If this were attained, any parish child could attend our school at very little cost.

The parish had 77 new families register in the past few months. This is an average of 2 new families per week.

Our next parish capital campaign is vital to retiring our debt. As a parish we are growing and our needs continue. We have many growth needs—school and church.

The Diocesan tax on school tuition is to remain at 10.2% for one year. Our Diocesan tax is currently 10.2% of our offertory donations, but will increase to 12% next year.

At-Large

Leo and Paula noted that several parents (approx. 15) are concerned about potential move for First Holy Communion from spring to fall (winter). Dan Burch stated parents are asking for 2 Masses for Confirmation. Father Joe said if Bishop Gainer plans to anoint all of the Confirmandi, then there may be 2 Masses. Confirmation is currently planned for April 11, 2007. If there is a need for 2 Masses, then the dates will be April 10th and April 11th.

Enid Timoney volunteered to bring snacks for the next meeting.

Chair announcement: Ad Hoc Restructuring Committee may need assistance in drafting PPC by-laws. Please see Jenna if you want to help with this.

Next meeting: March 20, 2007 at 7pm. This is one week earlier than usual due to the Parish Mission dates.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:16pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Ulaszek, Recorder