

**Mary Queen of the Holy Rosary  
Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)  
Approved Meeting Minutes – November 22, 2005**

The meeting started at 7:05 pm with a prayer “Comfort, Give Comfort” prepared by the Spiritual Formation team. In attendance were George Blandford, Bill Greenwell, Paula Voborsky, Walter Leachman, John Mitchell, Jenna Canning, Mona Brown, Jennifer Graehler, Cindy Hellinger, Al Arbogast, Peggy Gabriel, Rebecca DiLoretto, Otto Piechowski, John Lazarri and Father Jacob.

Others in attendance were: Ron Wedding, Leo Brown and Dan Burch.

The amended October 2005 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

**Liturgy – Jenna Canning**

Christmas Mass schedule on Saturday will be 5:00, 7:30 and midnight. The Sunday schedule will be 8:30 and 11:00.

**Stewardship – George Blandford**

On November 16 a meeting was held at the Blandford’s house to watch and discuss Dave Ramsey’s Great Misunderstandings from Financial Peace University. It gave us a background of how Financial Peace University teaches financial stewardship using the Bible as its base. The committee was also updated on the number of Mary Queen participants in this program. It is a growing ministry with new participants each session and new instructors.

**School Board**

- The Diocesan School Board is working on administrative policies and a diocesan-wide strategic vision project. The MQ School Board is responding to these. Work on development of school policies as directed by the diocesan board continues.
- The diocesan guidelines for school boards prohibited boards from having faculty members. MQHR school board clarified the language in the guidelines and learned the board may include a faculty representative (non-voting) member on the board. The board approved the inclusion of a faculty rep.
- Committee work to prepare for the accreditation in March continues.
- Marketing Committee completed a phone survey of randomly selected parish families who do not attend MQ. The school board and marketing committee will develop a plan for response.
- School Finance Committee is reviewing the school finances and budget. Enrollment projections are underway. Estimates to date suggest that all grades will be at three classes with the possible exception of 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. If all grades go to there classes, there will not be classroom space for the preschool. Committee is reviewing options.

**PAC – Peggy Gabriel**

Due to the decreased time for CCD this year, several teachers have mentioned the difficulty of devoting two entire class periods to allowing children to receive the sacrament of reconciliation. Discussion on encouraging families to take a more active role in exposing their children to the sacrament of reconciliation ensued. Paula has agreed to assimilate the thoughts and suggestions of the committee to present a new model for education the children on the sacrament of reconciliation. The committee dis-

cussed whole community catechesis and, if implemented, how it would affect CCD. Patty Coonce, who participated in such a program at her former parish, agreed to serve on a committee to look at different models and how they could be implemented. CCD will sponsor a service project (probably during Lent) which will collect toiletries that will be donated to the Center for Families and Children. We also discussed ways to introduce students to service projects that involved justice as well as charity. The next PAC meeting has been scheduled for December 12.

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

We had the confirmation retreat with parents and sponsors which went very well. Eileen O'Malley spoke about confirmation. Sponsors were in one room and parents in another. I spoke to parents about their role in confirmation and folders were distributed. The retreat was well received. Preparations are underway for the Liturgical Retreat scheduled for December 3.

### **Parish Life – John Lazzari**

On November 10, Mary Queen hosted a Town Hall Meeting with Bishop Gainer. The reception was successful and we served approximately 200-250 people from Mary Queen and surrounding parishes. On November 12, food and drink was provided to the Liturgy Committee to assist with the training of new Extra Ordinary ministers. On December 3, there will be a Liturgical Retreat at Mary Queen. The retreat is from 9:00 – 12:00. Parish Life will provide cookies, bagels and drinks.

### **Finance Council – Walter Leachman**

See Business Manager's Report

### **Social Action – Kabby Akers**

No report.

### **Youth Leadership – Jennifer Graehler and Mona Brown**

Steven Gray is quite ill and is at UK Children's Hospital. Please keep him in your prayers. We had a very successful kickoff for high school youth group in September with over 35 kids attending. The youth group had a reconciliation night with five priests, and a Halloween "Trick or Treat So Others Can Eat" can drive for the poor. The YES team helped out with the 8<sup>th</sup> grade confirmation retreat leading witness talks and small groups. We had an awesome Diocesan Youth Rally November 12. About 250 kids attended. "Righteous B" was the main speaker/rapper. There was good attendance from the Mary Queen Youth Group. We are selling Advent candles and wreaths and raffling off a nativity scene. At the upcoming Christmas party the group will be giving away an Ipod Nano. Each time you attend, the better the chances are of winning.

### **At-Large**

No specific business was brought by the at-large council members.

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

Offertory is up about 4.70% over last year, very positive. The budget increase was set at 6.22%, thus offertory is short 1.52%. The year end Pastoral Report on Stewardship is available on the gathering area table. Thanks to George Blandford of the Stewardship Committee and the Finance Communication Committee. Time and Talent signups have been sent to the various organizational leaders. Please make sure to contact all who signed up for service, both active and interested. The Bulletin Subcom-

mittee is being resurrected. We will contact Diocesan Publication to renegotiate business deal on bulletin and we will meet with JS Paluch Company. The Building and Grounds Committee is working with David Mattingly to give new life to this committee. Building and Grounds Committee will organize and plan in January. This committee will work in conjunction with the Finance Council according to the bylaws. Sexual Abuse, Criminal Background Check and Bloodborne Pathogen forms must be submitted.

Some of the things covered from the Finance Council were bond proceeds cash flow, month end Financials, and Diocesan Annual Appeal (still about \$47K short). The Internal Controls Committee is off to a good start and assignments have been distributed.

The rectory will be open a half day November 23 and will be closed Thursday and Friday for Thanksgiving.

### **Pastoral Director's Report – Bill Greenwell**

On October 20, the Bishop called the Pastoral Directors from Mary Queen, Pax Christi and Good Shepherd along with these parish sacramental ministers. He presented his plan to replace the pastoral directors at these churches with pastors. His interpretation of Canon 517 paragraph 2 describes the situation under which pastoral directors are to be used in case of a priest shortage. The Bishop stated that where a parish has one or more permanent sacramental ministers cannot be interpreted as a situation with a priest shortage. I will continue to be responsible for the parish as the pastoral director until June 30 or until a new pastor is selected. The procedure for selecting a new pastor is the usual process: vacancy notices go out in January; the Bishop sends all parish leaders a letter asking if they want a change – any priest in the diocese can submit request. Current pastoral directors at these three parishes will continue to work for the parishes and pastors at their current salary for the first year, presumably with the title pastoral associate. Job description will be worked out between the pastor and former pastoral director. In the second year, the former pastoral director can be hired back with some position within the parish. Salary would be cut by one-half the difference in current salary and diocesan guidelines for pastoral associate salary. In the third year, we would revert to whatever the salary level established by the diocese for a pastoral associate. The only year we are guaranteed is the first year; second and third years are up to the parish, the council and the pastor. The Holy Spirit is in charge. It is not about the church but the people in the church. I hope to be able to share with the parish over the next few months some the reasons why we need to accept this the way it is. I appreciate your support.

The bishop had a feeling that this issue was going to be a hot issue at the Town Hall Meeting. I am not aware of a level of anger with Mary Queen parishioners that was exhibited by the Pax Christi parishioners. I have shared my leadership with you. That makes a good model. We have a traditional model. You as parishioner have a right and responsibility to make the parish the way you want. I have tried to convince the parish that we do not get the short end of the stick from the hierarchical leadership model. The bishop allows each parish to take care of parish issues.

We are now members of BUILD. A parishioner has paid the membership fee on behalf of Mary Queen. BUILD will focus on drugs/crime and education. I will co-chair the committee on drugs/crime portion along with Veronica Miller at Consolidated Baptist Church. Training will take place on Monday, December 5 at 6:00 in the Media Center for whoever would like to research and work on issues. Kabby has emailed all those who have participated.

**Old Business –**

Paula met with the Communications Committee and presented some alternatives. The committee has not had an opportunity to discuss these alternatives. The committee has no further recommendations at this time. They will meet again in January.

**New Business –**

The parish will not have a Christmas open house. Fr. Jacob will be in India during January.

The date of the next meeting is Tuesday, January 24, 2006 at 7:00 PM in the RCIA meeting room.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectively submitted,

Cindy Hellinger, Recorder

George Blandford, Editor