

ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 17, 2011
MEETING MINUTES

Council Members

Maggie Wood, Barb Braun, Peggy Aniol, Fr. David, Jackie Martin, Maryann Beckert, Steve Hurley, Tim Tolliver, Veronica Waugh

Council Members Excused: Melissa Kendrick

Committee / Commission Members:

Bob Sweikowsky, Gary Kurylo, Bea Gwizdak, Ken Hafeli, Rose Ann Boguslawski, Penny Luddecke, Deacon Ralph Luddecke, Adam Chiasson, Karen Griffin, Mike Hurley

Guests: Josie Hafeli

Open Parish Council Meeting:

Meeting called to order @7:05
Opened meeting with prayer from Fr. David
Approval of SEP & OCT minutes.

Pastor Statement – Fr. David

Recap last couple of months; much to rejoice and still reason to be prayerful, cautious in uncertain times. Remember those who have gone before us as a source of strength and faith. Be open to how God is calling each of us.

Guest Comments: Josie Hafeli spoke on behalf of 150th commission regarding upcoming Pot Luck event for January.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Youth Group – Adam Chiasson. New MS youth group established. 15 middle school, 15 high school. Spaghetti Dinner scheduled for Saturday, November 19. ROC will offer child care service on “Black Friday” day after Thanksgiving 9am-3pm for a free-will offering.

Education - Adam Chiasson. 115 students in Faith Formation. 76 families compared to 95 in 2010. Sacrament of Reconciliation is 3/7/12. First Eucharist May 12 & 13, 2012. 41 students for Confirmation; celebration is 4/28. RCIA – 5 enrolled. New Roman Missal education sessions almost completed. New Lighthouse CD shipments are in and available, new Christmas-oriented content. Faith Connection newsletter has been renewed.

SAC – Mike Hurley. School enrollment is 245 students. Middle School is organized and running well. Parent-Teacher conferences held Nov 2/3. Canned food drive schedule for November. Christmas Concert is scheduled for December 20. Finance Council is already in planning stages for 2012-2013 tuition; plan is to have rates established in advance of January Catholic Schools Week & School Open House. Notre Dame Strategic Planning continues to meet; new school website is close to completion. Auction is firmed for April 21, 2012. Golf outing is scheduled for June/July. Development of comprehensive school marketing plan continues. Efforts will include targeted literature drop to 3 Canton neighborhoods in Wayne/Westland School district and in-person presentations to surrounding parishes without schools. Next Strategic Planning meeting is scheduled for December 1 @6pm. Next SAC meeting is scheduled for November 30@ 6pm.

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Finance – Gary Kurylo. New fiscal update format is now used in weekly bulletin to easily inform parishioners of ongoing fiscal status of parish. Through November 13, projected annual shortfall is \$63,203. Reminder to everyone that 100% of collection on Christmas collections stays in the parish. Gary is reviewing options to offer automatic bill-pay deductions. Surrounding parishes average 2% of collections through this proposed channel. School Tuition options will be reviewed at December meeting.

Census – Karen Griffin. Additional volunteers have helped move project along. 307 envelope boxes from 2011 were never claimed. New Master List has been submitted ; 981 boxes were ordered for 2012. Before the project began to reconcile, we were ordering 1,800 boxes. 2010 order was 1,327. New total active household count is 934. Non-active parishioners (300+) are receiving personal calls from volunteers to invite them to return and find out why they are not attending. Detailed notes are taken and will be shared w/Fr. David and council for assessing additional current and future parishioner needs.

Energy – Gary Kurylo. Utility expenses have stayed in good shape. We will start to realize additional savings projected at \$8k annual by switch to IGS.

Fundraisers – Bob Sweikowsky. Dine-outs will start again in January. ROC Spaghetti Dinner 11/19. School-sponsored Ladies Night Out is 11/18. PTG will be conducting Dearborn Brand sausage and ham sales for the Christmas holiday. Options are being explored to consider raising funds to purchase a sign for Michigan Ave to communicate all activities that take place in parish/school. Brick paver fundraiser project continues; many parishioners have expressed interest.

Christian Service – Bea Gwidzak. Holiday focus for Military Outreach with a specific service member identified through the parish. Book exchange being planned – Feb. 2012. Shining Light Card Ministry – discuss with Census committee as part of ongoing outreach efforts. Discussion amongst committee expressing interest for representative from Outreach Center to attend monthly PC meetings.

Worship – Barb Braun. Meeting held on November 2. New chalice are in; will not be used until all EEM's are trained on proper care. One new Lector trained. Books will be ordered for Lectors for reading of Passion (parishioners won't read parts going forward). New Altar Servers. No ecumenical service for Thanksgiving. No Mass on 11/27 due to Sesquicentennial concert. Working to assign a Lead Usher for each Mass. December 11 is Feast of St. Mary of Guadalupe.

Mass w/Bishop Hanchon scheduled for December 4 at 8AM and 10AM Masses.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception will be celebrated on December 8. Mass scheduled for 9am, 12pm, 7pm.

Next Worship Commission meeting is scheduled for December 5 @6:30pm.

Altar Society - Advent décor will be placed in Church first Friday after Thanksgiving. Successful chili cook-off event.

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New Roman Missal – Fr. David. Advanced preparation is almost complete. School & Faith Formation students are well prepared.

Vicariate – RoseAnn Boguslawski. Vicariate meetings through October were part of TIF project. Next traditional Vicariate meeting is TBD pending decisions of new Vicar.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

TIF – Bob Sweikowsky. Final Parish Group and School Group recommendations have been submitted; AOD plans are expected to be communicated in January 2012.

Ministry Fair – Barb Braun. 4pm, 5pm, 8am very lightly attended. Outlines of each committee and commission will be posted to parish website. Potential changes for 2012 event: serve light food, move to Haney Hall, cultivate representation from additional committee and organizations. Good interest for 150th concert, relatively good for enrollment of new Lectors.

Sesquicentennial Committee – Ken Hafeli. 260 tickets requested thus far for 11/27/11 Kevin Cole concert. Possible WDET interview w/Kevin Cole is being explored by Bob Sadler. Next meeting date is Monday, November 21. Other 150th calendar events: put in list. Memento ideas: recipe book, ornaments, yearbook:

Event Forms – Veronica Waugh. Sample Event Request form review w/council.

Debt Reduction – Gary Kurylo

New Business

Parish Evangelization Ministry Mission – Veronica Waugh.
Parish mini-mission scheduled for 11/18, 19, 20 for all committee/commission members and interested parishioners to learn about Catholic Evangelization. Full mission is scheduled for April 2012. Deacon Ralph Hoio to preside.

Enrichment

Fr. David – Thank you for the witness we all give in the name of our faith.

Council comments:

Bob Sweikowsky thanked everyone for their prayers over the past months for his improved health.

Maggie Wood – KINDNESS to all. We are all working together for a common cause.

Closing Prayer

December Meeting: No official meeting in December

January Meeting: January 4 @ 7pm.

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Parish Council meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm