

**ST. MARY OF WAYNE  
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 24, 2009**

The Council meeting began at 7:55 with a prayer from Fr. David. In attendance were Fr. David Burgard, Larry Chastang, Sandy Strzalkowski, Tim Strzalkowski, Ellen Mytly, Cindy Erickson, Richard Zelmanski, Albert Damatio, Twilla Moschgat, Deacon Bob Gajda, Karen Griffin, Veronica Waugh, Dan Hinske, Jerry Markey, and Ken Hafeli. Guests included Delphine Kosta, Mark Wolney, Emily Velandia, Yanira Duque, Alicia Reyes, Maryann Beckert, Ellen Mytly, and Kathie Carpentieri.

Sandy welcomed Cindy Erickson back to the Council.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

The minutes were accepted as written.

**YOUTH GROUP**

Ellen reported that the Coffee and Donuts raised \$132.00. She also said the youth group will have an outing at the Electric Stick.

Ellen said fundraising will be needed to send representatives from the youth group to the NCYC in Kansas City, MO.

The ROC is still meeting on Sunday nights. There are usually 7-9 youths, but the February 22 meeting had 17. Ellen hopes to split the group into Middle and High School.

ROC adopted Juan, a 13 year old child from Mexico.

Fr. David asked how Coffee and Donut supplies are provided. Ellen said some come from the Entemen's Outlet and some from donations, and about \$30.00 out of pocket.

Ellen would like parishioners to donate gently used furniture, electronics, etc. for the ROC's meeting room.

**COMMISSION REPORTS**

**EDUCATION COMMISSION**

Larry mentioned that "Traditions of the Church" articles are being published each week in the bulletin.

**STEWARDSHIP**

Albert Damatio reported on behalf of Dan Grifka. Recent discussions have been on budget plans from November 2008. The Commission is still meeting each Monday.

A staff reduction occurred as a result of the budget problems. There were also no Christmas bonuses.

The Outreach Center's truck was sold for \$1250.00

Fr. David's recent talk at the Sunday Masses led to increased collections for a couple of weeks. Some of the donations reflect that some parishioners donate on a monthly basis, usually at the start of the month.

The Parish asked the Archdiocese and St. Vincent DePaul. Shelli reported a hospital wants to conduct clinics. The Commission will meet with Shelli on March 2 to discuss proposals.

An Archdiocese line of credit was received from Archbishop Vigneron.

The 2009-10 budgets will be put together soon. Lisa Davis will be leaving the parish after the budget is finalized. The Archdiocese will recommend people who can help after Lisa leaves.

Delphine asked how the \$1.00 fee at the Open Closet was working. The response was positive and some were donating more than the suggested \$1.00. Shelli expects about \$650.00 per month. Kathie asked why a dollar only at the Closet and not the Food Depot. Fr. David replied he thought the fee was appropriate for the clothing.

Sandy thanked the Stewardship Commission for its hard work.

#### CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Shelli was not present. There was no report.

#### WORSHIP COMMISSION

Veronica reported 15 people attended their recent meeting.

There will be Stations of the Cross each Friday at 7:00 during Lent. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday a Catholic Lay Evangelist will lead the Stations. Dan asked why Stations were so poorly attended.

The Parish Mission will be March 29-April 1. Volunteers are needed to bring snacks on April 1.

Soup and Soul meetings will be on March 4 and 19 at 6:30 in Haney Hall and the large meeting room. There are signup sheets in church. Bea Gwizdak will conduct teachings on St. Paul.

Events through Holy Thursday are all set.

## **VICARIATE**

Twilla reported there were no meetings since the last PPC meeting. The next Vicariate meeting is on March 3, at St. Albert.

## **SESQUICENTENNIAL**

Ken reported research continues and oral histories are about to begin

## **CONTINUING BUSINESS**

Census - Only 251 responses to the Census so far. Only about 800 envelope boxes were picked up by meeting time, leaving more than 1000. Tim Strzalkowski suggested distributing census forms at the fish fries. Yanira Duque asked if the forms could be sent home with students, but that was already done. Alicia Reyes suggested putting the forms on the chairs in church.

Energy Conservation – Mark reported the electric meters are read each month and usage has dropped 4.9% since February 2007. Daily usage is down 17.7% from last February. Mark is also getting quotes on a carbon dioxide sensor. Mark is replacing lights with compact fluorescent and LED lights. The parish boilers were installed in 1951 and 1953, but the cost to replace them is high. Mark is keeping them in good working order.

Fundraising – Efforts a little behind. Three main focuses are 1) Fish Dinners, which are expected to earn \$1500 weekly, 2) the Cinco de Mayo party on Friday, May 8, from 6:00-10:00. The party, for adults 21 and over, will include dinner, music, raffles, margaritas, etc. The first official meeting will be March 5 at 2:00. Dos Peso Mexican Restaurant in Belleville will cater and Rob Vincent will DJ. A price has not been established. The 3<sup>rd</sup>) event will be a concert in the fall featuring Gonzalo Duque.

Grants – Tim said he had good news and postponed news. The key is to have a balanced budget. Grant applications cannot be submitted until budget is balanced. There are gifting foundations that provide money for specific areas.

DTE gives grants for energy conservation. We can also get grants for safety issues such as lighting, safe paint, improved lines in the parking lots, ramps and other ADA issues. Tim urged Council to be creative. Ongoing projects generally aren't funded, but will help with capital funding.

Gift Funding comes from donations in return for services such as free advertising.

Tim said a full time development person is needed. There is a need to identify people who can help including administrative ability and service providing.

Tim also suggested making the Outreach center a non-profit with a 501 c3

School – Tuition budget set for next year. There is a need for technology training and a computer curriculum will start in the fall.

The Scrip program will be enhanced. There will be an information meeting during the March Coffee and Donuts Promotion Weekend. Kroger is adding a scrip card. Veronica asked if Council would allow an adopt-a-student program where people can designate who will receive their scrip donation. The idea was supported.

Picnic – Date confirmed for September 20 with both pavilions.

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Jerry asked about renting the Activities Center. Issues include fees, security deposits, and insurance. The issue is under investigation.

Larry suggested to Fr. David that the need for increased Sunday collections needs to be reiterated as Mass

Cindy asked about the school budget meeting.

Al reported Haney Hall was full and the parents had many concerns and issues. People understood the necessity of the tuition increase. Jerry took minutes and the School Advisory Committee is following up. There was a 5% increase in tuition.

Al reported the school received an academic award. Our students test two grades ahead. Maryann asked if many parishioners are even aware how well the school does.

Fr. David talked about a scholarship account to be maintained by the Archdiocese.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

No new business

### **GUEST COMMENTS**

Tim asked how many individuals were adopted at the February 15 Masses where Fr. Knab spoke. Fr. David said 50 were adopted and 35 others offered support.

Maryann Beckert inquired about the staff reductions and if individuals have been identified.

Veronica asked if Carleen was still doing the bulletin. Yes.

### **PASTORAL REPORTS**

Fr. David looks forward to fish fries to build community experience.

The Parish Mission will be March 29 to April 1. Fr. Bob Weiss from St. Paul Retreat Center will preside.

Fr. David said there is excitement and enthusiasm for Archbishop Vigneron.

The Easter Vigil will be Saturday, April 11 at 9:00. Easter Sunday Masses will be at 8:00, 10:00 and 12:00 and no 5:00. There will be no PPC meeting during Lent. There will be no closing hymn during Lent and the Kyrie will be sung.

The meeting ended with a prayer at 10:02. The next meeting will be Tuesday April 21.

Action Items

Parish Census

Sub-committee Reports

Energy

Grants

Fundraising

Sesquicentennial

Respectfully Submitted by

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