

**ST. MARY OF WAYNE
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 21, 2009**

The Council meeting began at 7:50 with a prayer from Fr. David. In attendance were Fr. David Burgard, Larry Chastang, Sandy Strzalkowski, Tim Strzalkowski, Cindy Erickson, Richard Zelmanski, Twilla Moschgat, Deacon Bob Gajda, Karen Griffin, Veronica Waugh, Dan Hinske, Jerry Markey, Dan Grifka, Roseanne Boguslawski, and Ken Hafeli. Guests included Craig Lloyd, Michelle Borg, Dennis Bostwick, Edwina Bostwick, Eileen Pohl, Gonzalo Duque, and Kathie Carpentieri.

Sandy welcomed Cindy Erickson back to the Council.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The minutes were tabled as no one received them.

YOUTH GROUP

Eileen reported that ROC will try Coffee and Donuts twice a month. On Palm Sunday the group had a Passover Seder meal with their parents. The plan is to meet with other youth groups. They also plan to attend a scavenger hunt at the Detroit Zoo. They are also trying to raise money for the trip to the NCYC in Kansas City, MO. Eileen thanked everyone for their donations of furniture for the group's meeting room.

COMMISSION REPORTS

EDUCATION COMMISSION

Larry said the commission met on April 21. The discussion was on the travelling Chalice and their interest in starting the program at St. Mary. Fr. David said his parent's church has the program. A chalice is taken home each Sunday for a week by a parish family. It is passed from week to week. The program is sponsored by the Serra Club.

The Commission is working on a survey to see what topics parishioners would like to see more information on. The survey will be either by website or the bulletin.

STEWARDSHIP

Dan Grifka reported they are still working on the 2009-10 budget. The school figures aren't done yet.

The commissioners and other parishioners are interviewing candidates for a new parish Business Manager/Bookkeeper.

The Outreach center received a grant from the Archdiocese. The center is in good shape with support from other organizations to cover utilities and expenses.

The commission is looking for other revenue sources including facilities usage. Among these are Haney Hall, the large meeting room, the gym and/or the kitchen. Suggestions

should be put in writing to the Stewardship commission. Exceptions would be at the discretion of the pastor.

Pickup basketball will be dropped because of liability. The request came from the Archdiocese. The CYO will have to pay a nominal fee to use the gym.

The newspaper recycling box will be back once one is available. A new location will be decided upon.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Fr. David wants a voluntary chairperson. The Outreach Center is only one piece. Christian service also includes Health Ministry, Baby Layettes, Angel Trees, etc. Fr. David has the Archdiocese's guidelines and is open to ideas

WORSHIP COMMISSION

Veronica reported the parish mission went well as did Soup and Soul. The Lenten Family Mass had low attendance and will be reassessed, including marketing

Twillia commented on the bulletin articles.

Fr. David said First Communions will be on May 2-3 at the 4:00 and Noon Masses. The last Religious Education Classes will be April 27.

VICARIATE

Twillia did not have a report

SESQUICENTENNIAL

Ken reported research continues and oral histories have begun. Ken also mentioned the website history has been updated to reflect the two decades.

NEW BUSINESS

The speaker did not attend the meeting. The discussion was to be on engraved brick pavers for the garden between the connector and school near the gym.

CSA Update – Fr. David showed a DVD and would like to show it at all Masses to kick off the CSA. Our target was dropped \$5,000 to \$71,154.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

School Enrollment - Fr. David believes in Catholic Schools but we can't take anything for granted. He also said he is not renewing the contract of the school principal. There is concern about enrollment numbers which are going down. Fr. David would like to establish a parish scholarship fund.

Ken asked if we could market ourselves at the parishes that are closing their schools in June. Dan Hinske feels we need a five year program to bring enrollment up. Roseanne asked about the scrip program and whether individual students can be designated by

people. Tim said it's available but the program is pretty restrictive. Fr. David offered the idea of a preschool.

Deacon Bob said St. Sebastian has a marketing group that is willing to talk to our School Advisory Committee. Richard asked why we weren't using the PSA channels that cable TV has. St. Linus and St. Sebastian use them.

Financial Committee

Karen said 305 census forms have been returned.

Dennis Bostwick asked if there is a list of who gives what amounts.

Tim suggested new software – perhaps a grant from the Archdiocese. Deacon Bob said we use the system that was adopted by the Archdiocese.

Energy Conservation

Karen said energy usage down 10% from last year.

Fundraising – Tim is assuming the chairmanship from Dan Hinske. The committee met on March 31. The Cinco de Mayo party on Friday, May 8, is about sold out (237 tickets so far.) The breakeven point was 151. There is still need for more volunteers for set up and clean up. Supplies also need to be purchased. The liquor and raffle licenses are in hand. The raffle will include cash prizes.

There was some discussion on paver stones and the Fun Fair. The committee should get a calendar of events so patrons are not approached too often.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Richard Zelmanski asked about publishing PPC elections on Pentecost.

Some parishioners asking about the Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast. There will be none this year but may be revived next year

Deacon Bob said there would be a follow up meeting with the Fish Fry crews.

PASTORAL REPORTS

Deacon Phil will be ordained on May 30. His last Sunday as Deacon at St. Mary will be May 17. Fr. Phil will say Mass at St. Mary on June 6 at 4:00.

The meeting closed with a prayer by Fr. David at 10:10

Respectfully Submitted by

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