

ST. MARY OF WAYNE
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 21, 2009

The Council meeting began at 7:04 with a prayer from RoseAnn Boguslawski. In attendance were Fr. David Burgard, Gary Kurylo, Sandy Strzalkowski, Cindy Erickson, Twilla Moschgat, Dan Hinske, Jerry Markey, RoseAnn Boguslawski, Maryann Beckert, Bob Swiekowsky, Maggie Wood, Albert Damitio, Larry Chastang, Richard Zelmanski, and Ken Hafeli. Tim Strzalkowski was a guest. Barbara Braun was excused.

Albert Damitio will lead the November prayer.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Minutes were approved as written.

R.O.C.

There were no representatives from the R.O.C. Both Eric Pohl and Mai MacDonald will be added to the PPC E-List

COMMISSION REPORTS

AFTER SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION

There was no report.

EDUCATION COMMISSION

There was no report.

STEWARDSHIP

Gary gave the report. As of October 21, the parish's cash position was the best it's been in months. The 2nd and 3rd Sundays in October were in the top 4 highest since the beginning of the fiscal year. While there was considerable money in checking, the payroll and the AOD's assessment for priests was due soon. We also received notice of our 1st quarter CSA shortfall. Fundraising profits will be used to pay down debt to AOD and for insurance

Two payments were made on our building loan so far this fiscal year. Payments are going toward the balance as interest is currently being waived. Sandra asked who is currently helping to pay off debt reduction. Donations continue to come in. Bob Swiekowsky said it was good that the PPC was informed about where our money was being spent, but asked who would inform the parishioners. Fr. David should continue his monthly message regarding the budget deficit. Al said he would target mid-November for a financial status disclosure for FY 2009. Activities and accomplishments need to be outlined.

Maryann said all the Mom-2-Mom tables in the Activities Center were sold and additional tables were needed in the hallway.

RoseAnn asked when the Stewardship wanted to hear from the various commissions. Jerry said the mid-November report will contain financial statements only.

Gary went over recent changes to the FY 2010 Budget. Maryann commended Mary Wolfgram for the school budget. Larry said the former picnic format should return since it was an opportunity to give back to the parishioners. Bob mentioned attendance was down and the old way was better for getting acquainted with parishioners. Tim said the picnic was a good way to express gratitude to the parishioners.

Al said the fundraising budget only mentioned events with a track record, such as Cinco de Mayo. Other events will be added once they prove themselves.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CENSUS

Al reported in Karen's absence. Al has an on-line list of parishioners so we can eventually get total updated. He hopes to have the list of names by next meeting.

ENERGY CONSERVATION

Gary reported for Mark. The maintenance crew has been keeping good track. The rectory bill has been high but it has single pane windows. Al said the rectory is not energy efficient. Double-paned windows would be expensive.

FUNDRAISING

Tim acknowledged there are probably too many fundraising events going on at the same time. The raffle ticket pick-up is going slowly. Tim thanked Bob for his remarks on Sunday which helped increase the number of pick-ups. The first ticket count will be the week of October 26.

The Mom-to-Mom sale has forty contracts for tables plus the hallways and the large meeting room at \$20/table. There will be light refreshments. There was some discussion on how much outside advertising was done.

Tickets sales for the Variety Show are going well. Yanira Duque is selling the tickets. Unfortunately the Scouts popcorn sale and Market Day are running at the same time.

Tim mentioned the Laura Bush K-12 Library Grant of \$6,000. He asked for a list of Library needs

RoseAnn asked how the dine-outs were doing. Tim said some were good and others weren't. The November meal was probably going to be Casa Fiesta and Applebee's in Westland wants to invite us again. Rocky's, which already makes donations to the church, wants to host a dine-out over a two-week period. The restaurant would donate 20% from the receipts of any diners mentioning St. Mary's. RoseAnn asked if should mention the dine-out restaurants in the bulletin. Time remarked that there are not enough thank you's going out.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Fr. David said there is no Christian Service Coordinator yet. He is still hoping to get someone from within the parish. The coordinator may be part time paid, or a volunteer with a stipend.

St. Mary currently does not have a Christian Service Commission. Fr. David would like to see the Commission work on various issues including justice and peace; legislative concerns; seminars; nursing ministry; hospitality, including receptions and funeral luncheons; and community awareness.

Tim suggested articles on the various function may rouse some interest in the Coordinator's position, or at least get a few new volunteers.

WORSHIP COMMISSION

Maggie reported the evening town hall with Fr. David went well. There will be no Lessons in Carols this year. The Commission is reviewing the Commentators job, and whether we still need one. Twilla remarked we will still need a 2nd person, but the job will change a bit. Ideas are still being considered.

Fr. David is taking attendance at Mass. There is a once a month seat count leading to whether a Mass can be eliminated. The date will be gathered in September, October, and November.

Maryann asked how best to explain our need for more volunteers.

Cindy said she wished the bells played more often at 12:00 Mass.

Richard asked whether there would be an Ecumenical Service in November. Yes, and St. Mary is host.

VICARIATE

Twillia said Bishop Reiss attended the meeting and talked about the Archdiocese (AOD) reorganization plan. The vicariate lines will be redrawn into four permanent regions. The next meeting is at St. Mary on October 6 at 7:00.

The AOD is going paperless for all every day business. No postal mail.

Greater effort has to be made to make immigrants more welcome.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

OUTREACH CENTER DIRECTOR

As of October 12 Judy Welch is coordinating volunteers. This is a part time paid position. Judy is trying to create more communication with outside groups.

SESQUICENTENNIAL

Nothing new to report.

NEW BUSINESS

There was discussion on the debt reduction campaign. Parish owes \$4.5 million in interest and principle. The campaign will jump start is 1st quarter of 2010. Al added that one year ago we were in very bad financial shape but the new budget has us on track. Since 1999 we have had to pay for demolitions (Convent), construction (Activities Center), and purchases (Credit Union, Sister's Apartment). The cost was \$4.4 million. We still owe a considerable amount and the AOD wants to see action on the debt reduction. Tom Byrne firm will be hired to coordinate reduction campaign. The campaign will last three years. We will have to make reports to the Archbishop on our progress.

PARISH VISIONING

Fr. David said the PPC should be a visioning body. What does the PPC want to see the parish push? PPC should bring back thoughts for November meeting for a brainstorming on a dry board. There is a need for more parish involvement and more volunteers.

Fr. David discussed a Spanish Mass and the possible need for a bilingual staff member. There was discussion on who might be approached. There was also discussion on whether the PPC should have a Hispanic representative.

There was also discussion on the Parish Bulletin and to find a new editor since Colleen wants to move on. It should be someone local. The bulletin printer has the capacity to revamp individual parish bulletins.

Mr. Lipinski is looking into a pre-school for 3yrs. and up. This needs PPC approval. The possible start up costs will be between \$1200-\$2600. The PPC approved the proposal.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Albert asked for PPC prayers for Mike Gorman, a parishioner at St. Mary and former AOD Finance Officer, who is very ill.

GUEST COMMENTS

There were no comments.

PASTORAL REPORTS

There were no additional comments. Fr. David proposed December 16 for dinner with the Council and Commission representatives.

The meeting closed with a prayer by Fr. David at 9:20.

The next meeting is Wednesday, November 18.

Respectfully Submitted by

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