

ST. MARY OF WAYNE  
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 18, 2009

The Council meeting began at 7:07 with a prayer from Fr. David. Jerry would like to rotate the prayer monthly. In attendance were Fr. David Burgard, Cindy Erickson, Twilla Moschgat, Karen Griffin, Jerry Markey, RoseAnn Boguslawski, Maryann Beckert, Barbara Braun, Bob Swiekowsky, Albert Damitio, Richard Zelmanski, Larry Chastang, Eric Pohl, Karen Griffin, and Ken Hafeli. Tim Strzalkowski, Eileen Pohl, and Theresa Mack were guests. Maggie Wood was absent and Gary Kurylo was excused.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The minutes were approved as written.

GUEST COMMENTS

There were no guest comments.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Jerry asked that reports be held to more than 5:00 minutes.

R.O.C.

Eric reported the high school group is meeting three times a month and the middle school group once a month. There will be a monthly activity.

This year the group will be attending many activities sponsored by WAYMC. The first will be EMU Sports Night. Twelve teens will be attending the 28<sup>th</sup> Rainbow Conference in January. The event attracts over 2000 youths and will be in the Marriott in the Renaissance Center. There will be workshops, speakers, a dance and liturgy. Proceeds from the Coffee and Donut sales will help send the St. Mary youths. Maryann asked about the fees which were \$124.00 for registration plus the room fee.

EDUCATION COMMISSION

There was no report.

STEWARDSHIP

Albert reported the budget had been submitted to AOD and accepted. The Offertory showed a \$2,000 improvement but was still about \$30,000 behind the budget schedule.

Energy usage was down 17% in the office area, 10% for the church and school, and 24% for the entire year so far.

The debt reduction committee has met three times. The group is planning when to start the program. Additional financial information will start the first of December. Fr. David said we need a holistic approach and share honest information with the parishioners. Everything should be expressed from a stewardship perspective. Parishioners will be invited to attend one of three awareness sessions, to be held December 5, 6, and 9. Fr. David really wants to look at the debt in January. Maryann asked where the meetings would be. Bob said he would like to see more dissemination of information to the whole parish. He like to see information that shows who benefits from St. Mary, including Communion, Baptisms, meals, Outreach Center, etc. Cindy asked whether a new weekly bulletin was in the works.

There was discussion about the envelope lists. Rob Vincent has downloaded all of the information and clean up the list with Twilla. Karen said there was duplication due to two separate lists, weekly and monthly. The same envelope numbers appear twice. Albert said Rob has done a separate sort and will meet with Twilla to resolve these problems.

The next Stewardship meeting will be November 30 to discuss the 2010-2011 Budget.

#### CENSUS

This was covered in the envelope discussion.

#### FUNDRAISING

Tim said the Holiday Raffle tickets were moving but not as fast as we'd like. The break-even point is around \$14000. There is some concern over the lack of effort in selling tickets. People need to do their part.

The Variety Show feedback was mixed. The show was good but some glitches need to be addressed, including the wait time at the door to get in, and the overcrowding of the tables. The meal was disappointing. The show made about \$6000 with sales of 315 tickets. Tickets should be limited to no more than 300 for future events. Al thought the room was tight but people had a good time. Tim thanked the Wayne Theater people, especially Coleen Meyer and Amy Spurlin. The R.O.C. received \$30 in can returns from the show

Maryann suggested Mr. Lipinski's letter to the parents should include the raffle. There was an article in the school newsletter.

Richard asked what was planned for the Holiday Cash Raffle on December 6. Rocky's will provide refreshments at a reasonable cost if we want. We need a person with indisputable integrity to do the drawing. It was suggested to use a young child.

The Dine-outs are doing well. The December Dine-out will be at Leo's Coney Island in Westland on December 16.

#### CHRISTIAN SERVICE

There was no report.

#### WORSHIP COMMISSION

Fr. David is the Commission chair. Families are being selected to light the Advent Wreath. The desire is for new parish members to light the wreaths.

There will be a solemn evening prayer at 6:30 on December 6. The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is December 8 and there will be three Masses. There will be a Mass to celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe at 7:00 on December 12.

There will be changes in the introductions before Mass. The Commission is still working on the certification of Lectors and EME's.

There will be no communal confession at St. Mary. There will be confessions at St. Thomas a Becket on December 21 at 7:00.

There will be Christmas caroling for the homebound on December 26. All are invited to participate.

Tim asked about the Post-Midnight Mass party in Haney Hall. Was there still interest?

#### VICARIATE

Twillia said there was no report for St. Mary. Fr. Jeff Day, from St. Sebastian, is the new Vicar. The first clergy meeting will be Tuesday, November 24

#### SESQUICENTENNIAL

Ken reported he has a commitment from internationally known pianist Kevin Cole to do a concert at St. Mary as part of the Sesquicentennial celebration. The date is to be determined.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Ken asked if there should be a smoking policy for the parish campus. The issue was sent to Stewardship for discussion.

#### PARISH VISIONING – ROUND TABLE

Bob	keep the school as an important focal point and possible builder of vocations
Maryann	We need to retain our confirmed youth in the parish.
Eric	We need more family events that are not fundraisers. Fr. David added the need for a Social Committee.
Barb	Suggested a more welcoming atmosphere
Jerry	Youth encounters for young teens (11-12 graders) monitored by college students
Theresa	Added that St. John Neumann has college students come back to address church.
Eileen	More information on ministries we already have and create new ones. Fr. David suggested an Altar Society to take care of the church.
RoseAnn	Have more senior activities
Barb	Make the catholic faith relevant and accessible – invite seminarians, staff from other parishes.
Fr. David	Reach out to other cultures
Fr. David	Have a new Permanent Deacon assigned
RoseAnn	More ecumenical services, including Good Friday
Fr. David	More interest in maintaining grounds, landscaping.
Cindy	Increased communications
RoseAnn	Increased Knights of Columbus presence
Fr. David	Guest speakers
Barb	Social responsibility, awareness and services
Fr. David	Evangelization
Ken	Need to find ways to eliminate the apathy that is rampant in the parish
Tim	How do we commit to these suggestions

#### COUNCIL COMMENTS

Jerry asked about the Association of Recovering Motorcyclists (ARM) requesting to use the activities center in 2010. It was suggested and agreed that they should be asked to look elsewhere.

Barb asked if there was a vetting process for visiting priests

Ken mentioned the Men's Retreat was approaching and that he and Larry Chastang were trying to recruit members from Holy Family.

Al said parish activities are going well but more people need to be involved. He suggested that family situations were different from when most of the council members were youths, and that the parishioners should not be sold short.

#### GUEST COMMENTS

There were no comments.

#### PASTORAL REPORTS

Fr. David mentioned an article in LUKENOTES.

The December meeting will be a social gathering and dinner on December 16. We should meet at the rectory at 6:30.

The meeting closed with a prayer by Albert at 9:17.

The next meeting is Wednesday, 16. The next formal meeting will be Wednesday, January 20.

Respectfully Submitted by

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