

ST. MARY OF WAYNE  
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 20, 2010

The Council meeting began at 7:03 with a prayer from Jerry Markey. In attendance were Fr. David Burgard, Cindy Erickson, Twilla Moschgat, Karen Griffin, Jerry Markey, RoseAnn Boguslawski, Maryann Beckert, Gary Kurylo, Bob Swiekowsky, Albert Damitio, Richard Zelmanski, and Ken Hafeli. John Buehner, Dan Hinske, Donna Berry, Bea Gwizdak, and Mike Hurley were guests. Larry Chastang, Eric Pohl, and Maggie Wood were absent and Barbara Braun was excused.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The minutes were approved as written.

GUEST COMMENTS

John Buehner said that Craig Lloyd's employment situation will prevent him from chairing the Education Commission. John asked that Adam Chaisson, son-in-law of Mike Hurley be appointed the new Education Chair. The Council approved.

COMMISSION REPORTS

R.O.C.

There was no R.O.C. Representative

Fr. David reported that seven teens will be attending the 28<sup>th</sup> Rainbow Conference in January. Coffee and Donut sales are doing well.

EDUCATION COMMISSION

There was no report. Changes in the Education Commission were covered in the Guest Comments.

STEWARDSHIP

Gary reported we had \$50,000.00+ in checking and all current bills were paid.

\$4361.00 was donated during the Special Sunday Collection for Haiti on January 17.

The Fundraising Activities are making headway. The Holiday Cash Raffle had a profit of \$11,128.00; the Dine-outs, since the start of FY 2010, made \$1,096.00; The Musical Variety Show cleared \$6049.00; and the Mom-to-Mom sale made \$1466.00. Still to come are the Lenten Fish Dinners and the Cinco de Mayo Party. Ken asked about holding 50-50 drawings at the Fish Dinners, but there was concern over licensing. Cindy asked about having a New Year's Party. They are already held at St. Thomas a 'Becket, and Sts. Simon and Jude.

The Christmas Collection was \$43,972.00+, the best since 2005.

The Sunday collection is running about \$17,400.00 behind. An average of 430 envelopes is being used each week with an average donation of \$22.00. The anticipated budget shortfall for the fiscal year will be around \$31,300.00

St. Mary has \$150,000.00 on deposit at the AOD. This will be need for school operation and payroll. We still have around \$300,000.00 in unpaid bills. \$61,000.00 was paid down on old bills.

Gary reported our budget situation is stabilized and no longer precarious. We can expect some moderate increases health benefits, utilities, and other expenses. Energy consumption has been reduced to about as low as it can go.

Albert thanked Richard Zelmanski for his nine plus years of service on the Stewardship Committee.

Donna Berry is taking over leadership of the Stewardship Committee so Albert can concentrate on fundraising. Donna will also work with Gary on the budget. Donna mentioned goals in fundraising and updating the parish membership records.

Albert said the no-smoking policy on the St. Mary campus was approved. Smoking is not allowed until the public sidewalks. Bob Swiekowsky said signs were needed as visual reminders. All rental contracts will have a no-smoking notice.

Jerry said the capital Campaign will be announced on January 31 at the school open house.

Maryann asked if school news should be in the Vicariate Newsletter. It was agreed it should

Dan mentioned the job Don Lipinski was doing as principal, but Bea asked if anyone not associated with the school would recognize him. RoseAnn suggested a staff member of the week biography in the bulletin

#### CENSUS

Karen and parish volunteers are contacting those families that didn't pick up their 2009 boxes. There have been about 40 definite "Nos. Afterward the names will go on the inactive list. The number will be around 500.

The 2010 envelopes arrived and will be distributed the weekend of January 23-24. They are in alphabetical order.

#### ENERGY CONSERVATION

Covered under Stewardship. Albert said he would ask for a report from Mark for the February meeting

#### SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mike Hurley reported there are 243 students in the school. Principal Don Lipinski is marketing the school on WCAR Radio, in the Observer, the Michigan Catholic, and in other parish bulletins. The school's Iowa test scores were outstanding. The Preschool is waiting to take the next step. It will start in the fall of 2010 with 20 students, but could eventually go up to 50.

Staff morale is up.

The new PTG – Parent-Teacher Group, has started to meet. They will plan school events

#### CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Fr. David is talking to Bea Gwizdak. Bea will organize different meeting leaders.

## WORSHIP COMMISSION

The changes to the introduction of Mass began in Advent.

Fr. David, or a lector, will read the announcements after Communion. Fr. David is training new servers and is working on certification of the EMEs. Lector certification will come later

Michelle Borg's job in Art and Environment were recognized.

The new Mass of Angels and Saints was introduced on January 17.

The Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass on December 12 drew 250 and received good feedback. The nearly all Spanish Mass will become an annual event.

The AOD is asking that we hold off on buying new hymnals, since changes may be coming by Advent 2012.

## VICARIATE

Twillia said there was a meeting on January 6. 22 parishes were represented. Fr. Jeff Day, from St. Sebastian, is the Vicar and ecumenical advisor for the AOD. He would like to have a mission statement. He also wants to create a website and is looking for a minimum of three bidders.

There is an effort underway to name a patron saint of the AOD.

There is a new coordinator for young adult (ages 18-35) ministry. 84 parishes are involved.

Richard asked who submits articles for the Newsletter. Fr. David said he would ask Gonzalo Duque, the bulletin editor.

## SESQUICENTENNIAL

Ken reported is continuing to do research. He is also doing interview transcription and received signed releases from Fr. Brian Chabala and Fr. Jack Baker

## FUNDRAISING

Dan said we have to pay down our debt of \$4.6 million. \$3.5 million is principal and the rest is interest. The new campaign will start in February. The goal is to raise a minimum of \$500,000 over a three year period and ask the AOD to waive the interest for the term of the campaign. About 50 people attended the meetings in December. A letter of explanation went out the week of January 18, there will be an article in the January 24 Bulletin

Fr. David will address the congregation during each Mass the weekend of January 30-31. Other parishioners will make non-scripted remarks. Pledge cards will be issued the second weekend in February. Pledges are not legally binding. They should not be made at the expense of the weekly donations. Letters will also be printed into Philippine and Spanish.

Tom Byrne is the head of the firm that is coordinating the fundraising. His service charges are less than \$20,000.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Bea Gwizdak is behind this year's fish dinners. She is partnering with Mark Wolney. Mark will run the kitchen and Bea the dining room. There will also be leaders for serving and desserts. The price should remain the same. Serving will be cafeteria style. There will be a special table for people who need assistance. New to the menu are green beans and corn. Pop will be back and the CYO will get the funds. Who receives the proceeds for desserts has yet to be decided. Carryout will be done in the kitchen.

Mike Hurley asked if there would be shrimp for those who don't like fish. Dan suggested that Chris from Rocky's might consider purchasing the dinner supplies for us. Maryann thought the cafeteria style might flow better. Cindy asked if the starting time was too early, but it coincided with the end of the school day.

There will be a workers meeting on February 3.

#### ENRICHMENT

Fr. David reported he went to a conference in Ann Arbor and learned about "engaging people into the life of our parish." He learned about development, not marketing or fundraising, but the involvement of people in your mission and vision for the future. 30% of a parish is actively engaged, 30% is uninvolved (attend but don't get active) and 40% are actively disengaged, with no effort to be part of the life of the parish.

Fr. David has asked Karen for contact information on all new parishioners. Dan asked how to bring people back who have left the church.

#### COUNCIL COMMENTS

Bob asked about the Euchre Tournament and if we could use it to get others involved. Jerry thought R.O.C. might be putting something together.

#### GUEST COMMENTS

There were no comments.

#### PASTORAL REPORTS

Fr. David commented on the improvements to the Bulletin made by the new editor Gonzalo (Gonzo) Duque.

The meeting closed with a prayer by Fr. David at 8:57.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 24.

Respectfully Submitted by

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PPC Secretary