

**St. Mary's Parish Council Meeting
January 19, 2010**

Ms. Dee Simon, President, began the meeting leading the council in prayer. Members present: Steve Musser, Betty Kaalberg, George Hospodarsky, Jim Rose, Jane Brokel, Lloyd Weber, Rodney Cole, Bob Schneider, Denny Bush, Sue Hansen, Ken Frauenholz, Paul Shebek, Derick Cranston, and Fr. Rich Adam. Also present: Barb Simon.

Agenda items included:

Finance / Administration Reports

- **Financial Reports/Budgets**
 - Fr. Rich presented the balance sheet with previous year comparisons for St. Mary's for the 2008/9 year. St. Mary's balance as of January 14, 2010 is \$764,849.36. Included in that amount is \$151,995.79 which is money collected for the Capital Campaign. Fr. Rich then presented the Profit and Loss previous year comparison. To date, the income for St. Mary's is \$169,212.79, mindful of the Capital Campaign monies included in this total. With this consideration, the actual profit for this past year was \$17,212.00. These reports will be presented to the attendees at the special parish meeting following the 11:00am mass on Sunday, January 24th.
- **Capital Campaign**
 - St. Mary's has pledges totaling \$903,206.00 to date. The million dollar question is where to go from here? Do we build? Keep money in a CD? Build in phases? Reduce size of project? It was decided that we needed a 'real-cost' appraisal of the project and then reevaluate the project at hand. Fr. Rich and Steve Musser will pursue spec sheets for the current building plan.
- **Diocesan Campaign**
 - Fr. Rich will lead a presentation for the parish at the Sunday meeting regarding the importance of this campaign and supporting the diocese. A Diocesan DVD and brochure will be presented detailing where the money is needed and why this campaign deserves our support.
- **Parish Meeting – January 24, 2010**
 - Council members were asked to be present Sunday morning to help distribute contribution sheets and information regarding St. Mary's and the Diocesan campaign. A lunch will be provided.

Church Life, Worship and Spirituality

- **Lent begins Wednesday February 17th.**
 - Masses will be offered 6:00pm at St. Mary's with Faith Formation to follow after Mass. Masses will also be offered 8:00 am at St. Joseph's and 7:30 pm at Holy Trinity.
- **Why Catholic?**
 - The last session of Why Catholic? will begin February 17th. This will conclude a four year program. Throughout the cluster parishes there are more than 100 people who have consistently participated in this program.
- **The Catholic Messenger**
 - The Catholic Messenger drive is held each year in January. All are encouraged to have this diocesan paper in their homes to keep up on the Catholic Faith, happenings in the diocese and local communities and throughout the world. All parish families receive *The Catholic Messenger*. Subscription renewal is suggested, but not mandatory. St. Mary's must pay for all subscriptions not covered by parish donations. Please support your Diocesan news source!

Family Life

- **Christian Experience Weekends (CEW)** will once again be held at St. Mary's and all are encouraged to participate in this awesome weekend. The women's weekend is scheduled for February 19th – 21st and the men's weekend is scheduled for March 5th – 7th.
- **St. Mary's Valentine's Day Pancake Breakfast** will be held on, Sunday, February 14th, from 7:00 am – 12:30 pm. Denny Bush asked the support for putting up advertising. Barb Simon (guest) asked for help from the council the morning of the breakfast.

- **KC Roast Beef Dinners** – The Knights of Columbus will host two more dinners in which proceeds will support youth events for the Cluster Parishes.

Spiritual Formation

- Derick Cransten presented an update on the Confirmation program and various events the youth programs are experiencing.

Other Business Before the Council

- Jim Rose informed the council of the necessity of replacing the filters in the registers in the church and have then vacuumed and cleaned. Jim provided a council with a cost estimate for the project and was instructed to purchase new filters move ahead with the cleaning process.
- Jim Rose also asked for permission to put AC outlets at the base of the pillars supporting the choir loft. This would aid in the Christmas lights that wrap around the pillars throughout the Christmas Season.

With no other business to come before the board, Steve Musser motioned the meeting be adjourned with a second by Ken Frauenholz.

Respectfully Submitted by Betty Kaalberg