

## **St. Mary Parish Council Meeting Tuesday, December 14, 2010**

Council Members present: Rodney Cole, Ken Frauenholz, Dee Simon, Lloyd Weber, Paul Shebek, Steve Musser, Jim Rose, Steve Streb, Denny Bush, Robert Schneider, Derick Cranston, Fr. Rich. Guests: Tim Ruth, Mark Mitchell

Fr. Rich began the meeting with a prayer.

### **Preliminary Meeting:**

Tim Ruth gave us an update on the building.

- Estimated time of completion, mid to end of February
- Estimated total cost of building, \$1,079,000.00
  - Includes parking lot, sidewalks, drive, cabinets
  - Includes lighting on present parking lot
  - Includes 10 percent return from BCI
  - Does NOT include contractor fee and misc. other expenses
  - The masonry donation of \$5,000.00 has been received
- Upper level drywall ready for finishing
- Lower level almost complete for sheet rock to be hung.
- Walls will be a white-type of color. Knock-down texturing on 90 percent of the ceiling. Building walls will be orange peel.
- Brian Arnold to build and design cabinets for the classrooms and offices.
- Fr. Rich proposed year-end meeting in early January to discuss the renovation of the present hall.

### **Reports**

#### **Finance / Administration**

1. Fr. Rich submitted reports to the council validating the Present Balance Sheet of St. Mary's Finances.
2. Building Report – To date \$358,246.00 has been paid for expenses on the building fund. The first draw on the building loan will be made this week of \$120,000.00. Bills will be paid on the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month, in which further loan proceeds will be drawn. All monies received on the building fund are deposited toward payment of the loan.
3. Annual Diocesan Appeal – Our 2010 ADA assessment is \$31,250.00. To date parishioners have pledged \$22,340.00. Presently we are \$8,910.00 short of goal.
4. Fr. Rich proposed a St. Mary's Parish Breakfast and Financial Disclosure Sunday, January 23, 2011. The 2010 Contribution Statements will be distributed, as well as finances being discussed regarding the Building Project and possible proposal of Phase II – the renovation of the present hall.
5. Discussion was held on the Washington County Riverboat Foundation grants and the possibility of applying again in Spring, 2011.
6. Reviewed expenses on the Building Project.

#### **Church Life, Worship and Spirituality**

1. The Davenport Diocese efforts to be proactive planning for the future of priests and number of parishes to be served a grass roots comprehensive process involving each parish is being undertaken to secure priests and parishes. A cluster report is due to the diocese emphasizing our parish's strengths and weaknesses, as well as plans for the future in cooperation and collaboration with neighboring parishes. Following a guideline submitted by the diocese, the council reviewed and recognized strengths and weaknesses of St. Mary's. Derick Cranston is completing the report which will be submitted to the diocese and placed on our parish website. Holy Trinity and St. Joseph's will meet after the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year to complete their portions of the report. St. Mary's representatives for this diocesan report are Ken Frauenholz and Dee Simon.

#### **Family Life**

1. Fr. Rich and Derick Cranston are putting together a Christmas Bulletin / Newsletter emphasizing the various ministries and happenings in the cluster parishes. Purpose is to distribute at the Christmas Liturgies to provide awareness of parish liturgies, programs and opportunities for parishioners to become more involved in the family life of the parishes.
2. Fr. Rich also informed the council that an anonymous Santa has provided 1000 copies of Matthew Kelly's book, "Rediscovering Catholicism" which we will distribute at the Christmas liturgies. This is the #1 most read Catholic Book in the US and helps people to know, appreciate, and LIVE the Catholic Faith. Matthew Kelly will also offer a one day conference at St. Pat's Church in Iowa City next February, which Fr. Rich will encourage people to attend.

## **Spiritual Formation**

No report

## **Youth**

1. Derick talked of the Open House the Youth Groups sponsored on December 12<sup>th</sup>. There were five houses decked out in the Spirit of Christmas, with tickets for \$6 are being sold to visit these houses. The St. Mary's Rectory was one of the five participants.

## **Other**

1. Fr. Rich asked the council to serve as ushers for St. Mary's Christmas Eve Services.
2. Jim Rose recommended that the church clock setting be turned over to Tim Engel. All council members agreed that this would be a good choice as long as Jim was willing to provide guidance.
3. Motion was made by Ken Frauenholz to receive bid proposals for new garage doors and openers for the rectory garage, as well as updating the personal door. Mark Mitchell seconded the motion. All members voting aye, motion carried. Denny Bush also suggested that the garage be painted in the spring.
4. Motion made by Ken Frauenholz to pay Cindy Hannenburg, the Religious Education Coordinator, an additional \$500.00 for her efforts, with the first \$200.00 being donated by Ken, himself. Motion was seconded by Steve Musser. All members voting aye, motion carried.

With no further business to come before the council, Ken Frauenholz made a motion to adjourn the meeting, with a second by Steve Musser. All members voting aye, motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:

The Very Reverend Rich Adam  
and Dee Simon, Parish Council President