

Mary Our Queen - Parish Council Minutes October 19, 2010

In Attendance: Father Brenza, Kyle Ayer, Sheila Burbank, Audrey Corjulo, Dr. Carol Grant, Marty Jansen, Mitch Mazur, Ralph Nardi, Robin Taillie, Jim Topper, Bruno Umbro.

Not in Attendance: John Crowley, Vin Colonero, Phil Mazzatti, Maryann Spagna, Mary Yuskis.

President Jim Topper called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Faith Sharing: Kyle Ayer

Minutes – Ralph Nardi made a motion to accept the minutes from the June meeting. Mitch seconded the motion and the minutes were accepted.

Agenda Items:

Website update. Kyle updated the council on the progress of the website design. There will be a test page issued to a few users. Most new pages will be managed by one “team” leader of the type of ministry, ie social committees, Christian education programs, etc. The site should be up and running by the first of the new year. Mike Halasinski is working with the webdesigner.

The church renovation pledge collections is on target. The ground breaking for the renovation will not happen until after the Lent and Easter season. The masses will then be held in the church hall while the sanctuary is under construction. The balance of funds on hand are updated weekly in the church bulletin.

Youth Ministry update. There were no representatives present at the meeting, Jim gave a brief summary of activity. The pet blessing was very successful, held Sunday, October 17th. The next Saturday Service project will be leaf raking the church and rectory lawns.

There was discussion of our participation with the Archdiocese Social Action Committees. While we currently do not have a representative from our parish for this action, our parish is very involved with outreach, mainly locally, and it was agreed that we would table this action until next year.

Bulletin enhancement was discussed. It was decided the Carol Grant would meet with Josephine to discuss some minor changes and that the bulletin would start, in the near future, to have a segment of “commonly asked Catholic questions, which would run occasionally with Fr’s answers to the questions.

The Holiday giving for both Thanksgiving and Christmas were discussed. Carol Grant will get a cornucopia set up with leaves falling out of it with suggestions of items to buy for the seniors of Southington. These items will be donated to Southington Community Services for distribution during the holiday season. The Taillie Family will coordinate the Christmas giving program with the families who sign up at Community Services and Kathy Reinhard and Janet Mellon. The tree for Christmas giving will be set up on the weekend after Thanksgiving with gifts to be returned by December 12, 2010.

The change in the way ushers collect the weekly offering was discussed and everyone understood the reason for the changes, as dictated by the diocese.

Sheila gave a final update of the "Forty Days for Life" Campaign. The Knights of Columbus members and many parishioners sacrificed their time to pray vigil at St. Thomas chapel.

New Business:

Robin introduced the concept of having the Ladies Guild participate in welcoming new parishioners to the church by reaching out to them personally and meeting them at the mass to make them feel more comfortable. The Guild will design the exact plan and report back at the December parish council meeting.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, November 16, 7:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,

Robin Taillie, Secretary