

## Mary Our Queen - Parish Council Minutes February 15, 2011

In Attendance: Kyle Ayer, Sheila Burbank, Dr. Carol Grant, Marty Jansen, Mitch Mazur, Phil Mazzatti, Robin Taillie, Mary Yuskis. Youth ministry representative: Jessica Topper. Vin Colonero, Ralph Nardi, Bruno Umbro.

Not in Attendance: Audrey Corjulo, John Crowley, Maryann Spagna, Jim Topper

Note to the minutes: Fr. William Brenza died on December 22, 2010, the day after our last meeting.

Also, there was no Parish council meeting in January, 2011 due to inclement weather.

In Jim's absence, Kyle called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The minutes from the December 21, 2010 meeting were read and accepted with a motion from Ralph Nardi, seconded by Mitch Mazur.

Faith Sharing: Sheila Burbank

Agenda Items:

Kyle noted that the M.O.Q. Financial statement was presented at the masses this past weekend.

Website update: In light of the recent parish happenings, the progress on the web site has slowed. We are at the stage where ministry "captains" need to be contacted to get them involved with keeping the pages up to date. Mike Halasinski is willing to help with the page set-ups, Kyle, Carol and Robin need to meet with the captains, and get them on board. As we wait our new pastor announcement, we will continue to work on the website.

The renovation status has not changed very much. At this point, the council did feel we could reach out to some other sources for funding such as a loan, or grant from the diocese, or grants from other sources to help with the costs of electrical upgrades, asbestos removal, etc. These topics will be discussed with the building committee and the new pastor (to be named).

A new pastor has not been named, however, at the parish meeting with Monsignor Schmitz, he did emphasize that everything would be done in order that we would have someone in place before lent started. Fr. Pilon will be the temporary administrator until the new pastor is named. Members of the council felt in the interim it would help to keep the parishioners up to date about the campaign and to re-emphasize the need for more pledges, payment on pledges and even to re-introduce the naming opportunities to try to generate new interest in the campaign.

Jessica Topper reported on the youth ministry activity. The snowmen were a great hit; they are planning the annual lock-in for February vacation and will going to the cathedral in Hartford for Mass with the archbishop as they have done before during February vacation. The skiing trip was canceled due to lack of interest. The middle school youth ministry group is planning a trip to the Knights of Columbus museum in March and they

are planning on going rock climbing. Once the new pastor is named, the two youth ministry groups will host him for a dinner to introduce themselves and get him up to speed on their activities.

Welcoming new parishioners project will be on hold until the new pastor is named.

Sheila announced a fundraiser that the ladies guild will be holding, a No-bake Bake Sale, basically soliciting contributions from the membership of the guild. This has been successful in the past.

New Business:

Kyle announced that the counter tops for the bathroom will be installed before the congregation is moved to the hall for masses, when the construction begins. There was discussion about the cleanliness of the buildings, as a whole including the restrooms in the hall, the church and the CCD center. Members felt suggesting improvements to the new administration with an implementation method would be best received. The council discussed soliciting parishioners who might want to serve on a building committee, those with talents in such areas, who could give sound advice and help implement changes. All of this will be discussed with the new pastor.

Marty announced the annual St. Patrick's Dinner will be on Saturday, March 12, serving the traditional corned beef and cabbage.

Marty also suggested that the parish undertake the project of producing a picture and name directory of the parishioners, as was done in 1996. He suggested the Ladies guild take on the project. Robin will bring this up to the guild at the next meeting.

There was a discussion about formally welcoming the new pastor, that there would be receptions and possibly a pot-luck dinner. We will discuss further at the next meeting.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, March 15, 2011, at 7:00 p.m., in the church hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Taillie, Secretary