

Mary Our Queen - Parish Council Minutes March 15, 2011

In Attendance: Sheila Burbank, Vin Colonero, Audrey Corjulo, Dr. Carol Grant, Marty Jansen, Mitch Mazur, Phil Mazzatti, Maryann Spagna, Robin Taillie, Jim Topper, Bruno Umbro, Mary Yuskis. Youth ministry representative: Jessica Topper.

Not in Attendance: Kyle Ayer, Ralph Nardi, John Crowley,

Before our meeting began, Fr. Pilon spoke to the council with the announcement that our new pastor was named; he would be Fr. A. Wayne Kargul. Fr. Kargul would be coming from St. Luke's parish in the south end of Hartford. Fr. Kargul was "hand" picked by the Archbishop to be our new pastor, and he will begin his official duties on March 31, 2011.

The meeting was called to order after this announcement by Pres. Jim Topper; Mitch Mazur read a prayer of faith sharing, and the minutes from the previous meeting were read and accepted with a motion from Carol Grant and seconded by Audrey Corjulo.

Agenda Items:

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

Website update: A note to the minutes, the committee for the website did not meet due to a serious illness of Kyle Ayer's wife, hence, the committee will plan to meet in the next month and continue to make progress on finding "captains" for the ministry updates to the webpage. It was noted that all updates will be approved by the incoming pastor before they will be posted permanently on the website.

The balance in the renovation account is only \$18,000 short of the \$480,000 goal to begin construction. Given that a new pastor was just announced, the building project will be a priority for the building committee, the trustees and the officers of the council. Shortly after Fr. Kargul moves in, the committees will meet with him to address the project. It was suggested that parishioners be brought up to date with the status, and this will be discussed with Fr. Kargul as to the best way to go about it.

Jessica Topper reported on the youth ministry activity. During the annual lock in held during February vacation, the group did laser tag, went ice skating, went to St. Joseph's cathedral to celebrate mass with Archbishop Mansell along with some of the members from the middle school youth group. They continue to plan for their mission trip to Queens this summer, having their monthly dinner meetings, and they plan a fund raising dinner sometime in late May. The middle school youth ministry had a winter carnival at Camp Sloper, they went rock climbing at Prime Climb, and they will help out with the youth sponsored stations of the cross during one Friday in Lent. The teen outdoor festival held last year in the summer, with all the catholic churches in Southington coming together, is in need of a leader this summer. Donna Ayer, due to her recent illness, and expected long recovery, will not be able to lead the project. They are looking for some volunteers.

Vin gave an update on the recent dinner held for St. Patrick's day, where over 170

people were served, and the Bristol Old Time Fiddlers performed. A profit of \$500 was realized, to go toward the scholarship fund. The next event is the spring breakfast, which will benefit the Relay for Life Team.

The church picnic was discussed for this summer. The date has been confirmed at Camp Sloper for June 12th. If possible a mass will be celebrated before the picnic like last year. This will be discussed with Fr. Kargul. A discussion ensued about the cost of the picnic last year, and the price to charge the families this year. Jim Topper will contact Steve Proffitt, to get details from last year, and to ask about the plans already made for this year.

Carol did not have any updates on the bulletin enhancements that will wait until we meet with Fr. Kargul.

New Business:

Mary Yuskis brought up a discussion about the program for the first reconciliation of the second graders. There was an error stating that Fr. Brenza was the priest, (where he had already passed away, and Fr. Pilon was the temporary administrator.) She will bring it to the attention of Mrs. Fusco and ask that such things be proof read by a third party before special events such as observing sacraments.

The nominating committee needed volunteers, as it is required that we fill the vacancies of the members leaving in June. Maryann Spagna, Ralph Nardi and Bruno Umbro have fulfilled their terms. Audrey Corjulo has requested to stay on for 3 more years, and Mitch Mazur and Phil Mazzatti will chair the nominating committee. Members were asked to make suggestions to Phil or Mitch and the candidates will be discussed at the next meeting.

Vin made some suggestions for the celebrating of the 50th anniversary of Mary Our Queen. A planning committee will be established, and they will bring suggestions to the council in the next few months. Possibilities included a Saturday afternoon event, on the property, and then a dedication Mass at 5:00. Others suggested a dinner dance at the ATC, others suggested testimonials from founding parishioners. All suggestions will be considered by a committee. More will be discussed in the following months.

A discussion was held about welcoming Fr. Kargul. Dates and times needed to be discussed with Fr., so the final decision will be made in the next few weeks.

The council decided we should meet, including the finance committee, on Tuesday, April 5th, to introduce ourselves to Fr. Kargul and for him to tell us a little about himself. Jim will confirm this date and let everyone know by email.

Next regular meeting will be Tuesday, April 26, 2011, at 7:00 p.m., in the church hall, one week later than the schedule due to Holy week.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Taillie, Secretary