

Mary Our Queen - Parish Council Minutes

May 17, 2011

In Attendance: Kyle Ayer, Sheila Burbank, Audrey Corjulo, Dr. Carol Grant, Marty Jansen, Mitch Mazur, Phil Mazzatti, Ralph Nardi, Robin Taillie, Jim Topper, Bruno Umbro, Mary Yuskis, Fr. Kargul.

Not in Attendance: Vin Colonero, John Crowley, Maryann Spagna

The meeting was called to order by President, Jim Topper. Audrey Corjulo offered a faith sharing. The minutes of April 26, 2011 were accepted by a motion from Carol Grant, seconded by Ralph Nardi.

Agenda Items:

Parish Picnic Status:

The chairpersons for the picnic are Jim, Kyle and Ralph. Jim prepared a checklist and to-do list for the picnic, based on prior year's set-up, day-of needs and the after-picnic wrap up. Tickets, names registered in a notebook, will be sold after all masses 2 weeks prior to the picnic and even on the day of the picnic. This will be announced by Fr. Kargul at all the masses. Tops market will provide the bulk of the picnic food, supplies, etc., with donations of the chowder and cakes coming from Aqua Turf, Robin Taillie, Sarah Nardi and Gloria Colonero. The committee members met after the regular meeting to go over details. The picnic will be held rain or shine.

Council Election Update:

The newly elected members, Tom Finn, Jim Feltz and Kim Rauch have been informed that they are the new members and will join the council at the June meeting. Thank you to Mitch and Phil for all they did to make this a successful process.

Website update:

Carol and Robin met to pare down the list of ministries for the website. The captains will only be responsible for getting their updates to Mike Halasinski, who will be the "web-master", getting approval for all updates and posting all updates to the website. The individuals representing each ministry still need to be contacted once more to explain the process. This will hopefully be done by the next meeting.

Renovation Update:

The balance in the renovation fund as of May 16, 2011 is \$482,457.31, so the balance has surpassed the minimum needed to begin renovation, 60% of pledged balance (\$480,000). The bridge loan needed to accomplish the renovation on the projected time schedule is the next order of business. Fr. will get permission from the diocese to enter into a bridge loan contract, and Fr. has met with Brian Baker. The plan is being revised and an updated version and contract will be presented soon.

Youth Ministry Update:

The H.S. youth ministry continues to plan for their mission trip to Queens. Some fundraising in the plans includes the cookie walk, car wash and tag sale. A dinner may be planned for early July. As they continue with their Saturday service projects, they have helped out the Birthright organization, painting one of their rooms, and contributed to the cerebral palsy carnival.

The M.S. youth ministry had their dinner with Fr. Kargul. There were 22 kids and their parents present for the dinner. Marissa Therrialt presented the Divine Mercy Chaplet with a power point presentation.

Bulletin Enhancements:

Carol Grant will provide information to Fr. Kargul to be included as the "pastor's paragraph". It will begin running on the calendar insert at the beginning of each month, as part of the bulletin.

Birthright Sunday volunteers collected \$355 for their cause.

May Crowning

It was decided the tradition of May Crowning of the Blessed Mary will take place again next year, using the CCD students and confirmation students and it will be scheduled in conjunction with First Holy Communion.

50th Anniversary celebration.

The date has been set for the golden anniversary celebrating 50 years of Mary our Queen; it will be on Saturday, September 24, 2011. A notice will go in the bulletin looking for volunteers to meet for an initial planning meeting. Robin will organize the planning meeting.

New Parishioner Welcoming Program.

Fr. discussed the need to formally welcome new families to the parish. He offered a sample of the kind of folder/brochure that his sister's church in Texas offers to their new parishioners. This type of brochure would include information about the masses, all the different ministries, phone numbers, the website information, etc. Fr. would also like to see a visitors log at the main entrances, and maybe a card they could fill out if they would like to be contacted for information about becoming a new parishioner.

The masses will not change for the summer months, as they did last year.

New Business:

Saturday, June 11th will be the social justice seminar at St. Paul Catholic high school, information was available for anyone who would like to attend.

The final meeting of the year will be on June 21st, there will be wine and refreshments to welcome the new members and thank those whose term has ended this year.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Taillie, Secretary