

Parish Council Meeting Minutes – February 24, 2008

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm.

In attendance:

Fr. Tom, Rosanne Schraufnagel, Judy Rose, Wendy Falevsky, Kathy Trzebiatowski, Sheila Weymier, Al Schellinger, Tom Jacquot, Jeff Andes, Katie Schuessler. Absent: Steve Nadolski

Prayer – Al Schellinger

Minutes from September's meeting were approved.

Committee Reports

Finance- St Mary's: In crisis. Deciding what needs to be done; ie cuts, rearranging, etc. There is a good chance that the day care will move from the St. Andrew's campus to St Mary's.

There are no reserves in St Mary's budget. Can't afford unexpected things. Looking into getting a little more back from the Archdiocese from the Faith in Our Future Campaign. A meeting will be held on February 26. Give ideas on what needs to be done; budgets need to be cut if more stewardship does not come in.

St. Andrew's – Stewardship is down but everything is OK for now.

Buildings & Grounds St Mary's – No work needed on the furnaces right now. Looking into a lease to own program which would cover a service contract.

St Andrew's – The window problem and everything else is pending until the weather is better.

Spiritual Life & Worship – Tammy Loos, music minister is leaving; looking for a new one. Will put an ad in the area newspapers and post at Marion College. The SL&W committee has looked at the budget but has some questions on it.

Christian Formation – Would like a budget number so they know where to cut back. They will look at actual numbers from this year and cut from that. Also looking at school tuition and some old tuition needs to be written off.

Old Business

St. Mary's Family Connection Plan (Home Visits) – Will meet this Thursday on it. Would like people from both parishes visiting others so everyone gets more involved.

Constitution & Bylaws – Carried over until next month

Faith in Our Future Progress – Both parishes have been very consistent with the funds coming in. St Andrews is supporting the school with some of its funding.

New Business

Budget Planning – Budget needs to be in by March 5th. Proposals should go to the Finance Committees by then. St Mary's goal is to balance this year. Hope to have this done before the March council meeting.

Parish Council Selection Process – There will be a notice in the bulletin the 2nd and 3rd weeks of March. The announcement will say how many new members will be needed along with a list of who is on council now. The 4th weekend of March will be nomination weekend. Review of nominations at the next council meeting.

St Mary's State of the Parish Meeting – March 5th.

Creative Thinking – Jeff Andes would like to start some type of Youth Outreach; informal gathering of some basketball or other type of games. Scriptures or other type of prayer, etc along with it. Does not want to go over Kathy's (Christian Formation) boundaries with this. It will be thought about and discussed further.

Reminder – Morning of Reflection on Saturday March 7th at St Mary's church from 9:00 – 11:00.

Closing Prayer and meeting adjourned.

Next meeting at St Andrew's - March 24th.