

Minutes
St. Rita Parish Pastoral Council
May 15, 2006

Attendees:	John McDermott
Bill Burns	Maureen Morehouse
Jackie Carosa	Rick Rall
Peter Charleton	Sr. Katherine Ann Rappl
Drew Desmarais	Debbie Rieger
Dean Hamingson	Drew Smith
Sr. Joyce Kubinieć	Tom Swovick
Fr. Chuck Latus	Pat Vargas
Michael Lynch	Ed Wynne
Marti Mauro	
Sue Markowski	

Guest Speaker: Kathy Johnson, finance council chairperson

Opening Prayer: Drew Smith

Confirmation of Minutes as written: Regular May meeting.

2006-2007 Budget: Kathy Johnson explained the budget for the coming year. A financial summary was handed out and explained line by line. The budget was projected for 2006-2007 and compared to 2005-2006. Operating Revenues minus all expenses including the mortgage left a surplus of \$14,393 for Budget year 2005-2006. The projected budget for 2007 will have a deficit of (\$54,879) if revenues are not increased in 2006-2007. If there is a deficit in 2006-2007 then the Savings and Investments Balances will be reduced accordingly. The Stewardship and Finance Council will be addressing the Parish in September to update them on the Finances of the Parish and how important it is to increase weekly collections and support all of the ongoing fundraisers that the parish has. It will also be explained that if collections or revenues do not increase that specific services would have to be dropped from the Parish.

One council member suggested that maybe we should hire our own insurance agent to hold the insurance for the Parish as the Diocese is increasing the insurance again this year by 30%. A suggestion was made to hire a Business manager for the Parish and Kathy said that it is being considered.

The two recommendations from PPC were:

1. Kathy and Tim Mason, Chair of the Stewardship Committee, would come back in October with a Balanced Budget
 - A. Revenues/ Stewardship
 - B. Expenses/Finance
2. Communication to Parishioners is essential.
 - A. Make plan to see what services would be addressed.
 - B. September appeal and let parish know what services are at risk.

Liaison Reports: Cross over ceremony for Scouts. Replace youngest members on May 23rd. Scouting used to be 8 months. No longer true. Activities are year round including trips to the Rhinos, Bills camp and a sleep over at Frontier Field.

Marriage Prep-3 couples from Holy Trinity out of 20 couples present.

Best evaluations ever! 95% positive!!

St. Clement of Rome: Scout troop and Pack campaign is on going for scouts from St. Clement of Rome to come to upstate New York. Frequent flyer miles are being collected to transport the scouts. 250,000 to 300,000 miles have already been collected.

Pat Vargas handed out a liaison report, which was very informative and helpful about the Girl Scouts. There are over 800 registered Girl Scouts in K/12 in the Webster area. Approximately 90 girls registered in K-6 at St. Rita School. 7 girls received religious awards on Girl Scout Sunday in March. A final award ceremony on May 5 was followed by a pizza dinner. There were over 200 people in attendance. There were over 250 scouts from the diocese who earned religious recognition this year. The Catholic Committee on Scouting is an extension of Youth Ministry and should be re-enforced.

Boy Scouts: Outings planned for the rest of the year. Eagle Scout projects include a project to add shelving to the custodial room.

Knights of Columbus: Recognition of Religious dinner was attended by Fr. Chuck and by Sr. Katherine Anne. Charitable and benevolent committee will be holding a picnic for challenged members of the community and their caregivers.

Breakfast Club: Profits allowed club to purchase a new dishwasher for Parish Center.

New Members of parish: Greeted weekly by Betsy McDermott. 20 couples were taken to breakfast at the breakfast club to help introduce them to other parish members. There will be 5 dates during the year that new registered members of the parish will be invited to breakfast.

Drew Desmarais: 148 First communicants this year and 14 RCIA candidates. Excellent number of people involved.

Euchre Tournament: Raised \$1300, part of which will be donated to St. Clement of Rome Parish.

Sr. Katherine Anne: 5th grade student entered contest of "Why should your Teacher be teacher of the Year" and won the qualifying round. The teacher was Mrs. Cohn. \$100 went to Mrs. Cohn and \$1000 was given to the school.

St. Clement of Rome: Letter writing campaign in progress. There will be a booth at the Fiesta that will be handing out information about St. Clement of Rome. The booth will be manned by WI PC. Plans for a second trip to New Orleans are in the works. Linda Schoepfel will speak at the Masses on May 19 and May 20 and update the Parish about her visit to new Orleans and explain the ongoing process of out-reach from all of the Parishes in WI PC.

Bill Burns: Tom Cali has requested that anyone that knows of any business that would want to be a sponsor for the Fiesta to please contact him. Sponsorship is down this year.

Sr. Joyce: Reception for Volunteers will be held on May 20 in the Parish Center, all volunteers and their families are invited to the reception. Bereavement committee will have a guest speaker at next meeting.

Rick Rall: Banner year for fish fry.

Fr. Chuck's Comments: Fr. Chuck and Fr. Bob attended Convocation. A couple of topics of high interest were Stem Cell and End of Life. Both topics had excellent speakers who were Scientists but were also highly religious. There were very specific things spoken about and gave the congregation specific ideas and knowledge about both subjects. Both are very difficult subjects but were addressed with the utmost of dignity.

Dean's comments: 130 candidates were nominated for the PPC selection process; 48 women, 53 men, 17 young adults and 12 youth. Information night is May 16 and some members of the PPC will share their experience with candidates. New members will be chosen on June 3rd at the 5 o'clock Mass and will be announced at the June 4th Masses. We will hold officer nominations at the June PPC meeting followed by elections of those positions. A Chair and Vice-Chair will be elected and a new Secretary will be appointed by the Chair. Members eligible to be elected are: Bill Burns, Peter Charleton, Marti Mauro, Maureen Morehouse, Debbie Rieger, Drew Smith and Pat Vargas. If Michael Lynch, Ed Wynne or Rick Rall are chosen on Pentecost Sunday then they also are eligible to be elected to one of the offices. It was suggested that nominations be written rather than verbal. Each member of Council has one vote. The Staff collaborates for one vote and Fr. Chuck will have one vote.

The question was asked if you can abstain from being nominated. The answer is yes, but Fr. Chuck suggested that each council member think and pray about their decision.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Markowski

May 23, 2006