

**Our Lady of the Rosary Church
Parish Council Monthly Meeting Minutes
September 27.2007**

In Attendance: Karen Saxbury, Karen Williams, Kathy Klich, Jill Kitterjohn, Mark Young, Anne Berry, Bob Crowley, Morris Walsh, Mike Schweitzer, Cathy Heaton.

Mike Schweitzer called the meeting to order and opened the meeting with a Scripture reading and short reflection on the reading.

Fr. Jack Wehman was welcomed to the meeting. Due to Fr. Charlie Bowes' declining health, he has resigned as pastor of Our Lady of the Rosary Church. Effective immediately, Fr. Wehman has been appointed the Parochial Administrator of the parish. Fr. Wehman is currently the pastor of St. James of the Valley parish in Wyoming. He has met with the staff of the parish and would like to depend on them and the various councils, committees and ministries to continue the work of the parish as usual. He foresees no changes in the operation or ministries of the parish. This is a temporary assignment and he will primarily be called on to make administrative decisions. In the spring the Archdiocese will decide if the parish will be open-listed and be considered for the appointment of a new full-time pastor. Fr. Wehman did not find it necessary for a member of Parish Council to sit in the various other committees of the parish. Typically a member of the staff or Council is present at these meetings and reports back to Council on a monthly basis.

Reports

The reports submitted by the pastor, DRE /Youth Ministry Faith Formation, Evangelization, and Finance/Business were available to Parish Council prior to the meeting so that any comments or questions could be prepared before the beginning of the meeting.

DRE/Youth Ministry Faith Formation Report

The schedule for the Sacramental Preparation nights was listed. The final number of SRE students will be available from Dave Nissen soon.

Evangelization

A summary of the New Life Retreats, Small Church Communities, RCIA, Life's Journey Parish Mission, and the upcoming Lenten Program were outlined in the report. The Lenten speaker will be Fr. Tim Schehr and he will speak after the Way of the Cross three Fridays during Lent.

Finance/Business

Time Capsules

- The next time capsule meeting will be October 23rd. The committee is concerned that not enough volunteers are involved with the Anniversary celebration. There was concern in Parish Council that the event is seen as just the opening of the time capsules and, therefore, is not capturing the interest of the entire parish.

School and Building Maintenance

- Parish Council voted to employ 3 high school students at a cost of \$600/ week to maintain the church and school buildings. The students would be responsible for weekly cleaning of the buildings and general maintenance. A contractor may be called in once a year to maintain the floors of the school building. It was suggested that the home school

group could possibly take on the maintenance as a fundraiser; however, at this time the arrangement will be to use the high school students.

- The possible renovation of the cafeteria is still under the consideration of the Finance Committee.
- Bob Crowley reported on the question of renting the school building to parishioners for non-parish events. An ad hoc insurance for the individual event would need to be purchased by the renter before the event. Requiring a deposit for the event in case of damage was suggested to ensure the area is kept in good condition. The high school students in charge of maintenance may be called on to set up and clean up after such events. Bob will solicit paperwork used by other business managers for this and will report back to Council.

Other Topics Discussed

- A representative from Our Lady of the Rosary Church must be selected to take Fr. Charlie's place on the St. Bartholomew Consolidated School Board. At the present time clergy from St. Bartholomew, St. Clare, St. John Neumann, Our Lady of the Rosary and Corpus Christi Churches make the final decisions for the school board. OLR's representative will be temporary pending the assignment of a new pastor to OLR, but will have full voting rights as if he /she were pastor. (St John Newman and Corpus Christi reps will eventually fall off the list as their kids migrate to St. John – Dry Ridge school). Fr. Jack Wehman will not be representing Our Lady of the Rosary at the school board meetings. Because the school board is beginning work on choosing a new name and determining governance for the consolidated school, it is important that a representative be selected quickly. Council members were instructed to make recommendations to Mike Schweitzer by Sunday, September 30th. Those selected will be contacted to determine if they would be interested in the position. Council will then vote for a representative. The representative would report to Parish Council monthly.
- The Parish Council Constitution was distributed for future comments.
- A video by the Archbishop dealing with Parish Council responsibilities was not viewed. Perhaps it will be viewed at a later date.
- Walt Hucke was not present to further discuss the possibility of OLR twinning with a church in Tennessee.
- Three boxes for Parish Council voice mail are available. It was unclear who would be responsible for monitoring the voice mail messages when the system is set up. Voice mail is being pursued to allow parishioners the opportunity to leave comments to Council anonymously.
- The Parish Council meeting for November was rescheduled for the 5th Thursday of the month. The usual meeting day falls on Thanksgiving Day. The December meeting may be cancelled due to the Christmas holidays. A decision will be made later.
- Reports are due to Mike Schweitzer the Friday prior to the next meeting so that all Council members will have access to them before the meeting.
- At the next meeting Bob Crowley will present recommendations for fellowship events for the parish.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm

Next meeting October 25th at 7:30 pm

