

St. Margaret Mary Parish Council

Minutes: May 10, 2011

Members Present: Jan Kitazaki, Kathryn Gaspard, Susan Mickelson, Steve Gastreich, Holly Machi, Tom Pechacek, Dan Hohl, Fr. Vince Kobida.

Excused: Mary Jo Gerlach, Pat Boeckeler.

Guests: FASC members; Bernie Stich, Peter Harren, David Dooley and Janet Doyle; other guests; Jean Perrin, Karen Valente, Walt Stumpf, Jinx Willihnganz, Rita Tutkowski, Maureen Theiler, Mary Schweitzer, Agnes Tutkowski, Rick Goeden, Barbara Choren.

Meeting opened at 6:30 pm with prayers of petition.

Minutes of April 5, 2011 were approved.

Reading of the Budget

- Bernie Stich, Chair of the Finance and Administrative Services Committee presented the 2011-2012 budget to the council. He outlined in detail the revenue, expenses and net operations for both current and budget year. A projected revenue of \$1,826,871 and operating expenses of \$2,065,889 results in a deficit of \$239,018. A withdrawal of \$48,431 from reserve funds reduces the deficit to \$190,587.
- The committee recommended that the council not approve the budget. A letter, later read by Dave Dooley, will be sent to the Archbishop indicating the lack of approval of the budget and requesting direct involvement of the archdiocese in matters pertaining to the school and potential collaboration with other parish schools.
- Guests were offered an opportunity to speak. Questions and concerns were voiced regarding benefits, utilities, factors contributing to reduced contributions, and what department cuts were made. Concern was expressed about how the cuts might change our mission and reduce some ministries. The discussion will be ongoing.
- The FASC was thanked for their efforts in preparing the budget.

Pastor's Report

- Fr. Vince spoke of the St Clare Center plan entitled "Growing in Faith and Service at St. Margaret Mary". It is a leadership development plan for pastor, parish council and others involved in pastoral planning. Fr. Vince and Joe Nettessheim will meet with Blessed Savior staff inviting them to be involved. It was suggested that the program might be used for the council retreat in August.

- Trustee nominations: Announcements inviting nominations for trustee-secretary will be made in the bulletins for May 29, June 5, 12, and 19 with election on June 26 between the 9 am and 11 am Masses. Jan indicated her interest in the position.

Pastoral Planning

- Parish Forum update: Dan requested summaries of discussions from group leaders to help generate a written response to the parish of the forum results and to provide details and suggestions to the Spiritual Life and Worship Committee.
- Community building and census: Faith Formation is interested in doing a census to determine who the membership is in order to better meet the needs for formation. Community building is the next pastoral planning project and would make use of the census results.

Other Business

- Two guests, Jean Perrin and Karen Valente, come with concerns about how to get parishioners information about the prayer shawl ministry. Efforts will be made to insert information in the bulletin more frequently.
- There continues to be conversation with Blessed Savior regarding clustering with St. Margaret Mary.
- There are no nominations for Parish Council. Jan would appreciate any names of potential nominees.
- The volunteer appreciation event on June 5 will have a Chinese theme. Holly requested donations for the raffle and asked for persons to help set up on Saturday, June 4.

Adjournment at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Kathryn J. Gaspard