

**Parish Council Meeting
May 20, 2009**

Members Present: Father Ripperger, Joe Wuerth, Beth Ann Henry, Eric Schockling, Karen Jordan, Rosemary Roberts, Stewart Toney, Larry Schmelz, Chuck Hess, Cheryl Walther.

Representatives Present: Building & Grounds – Walter West; Finance – Barry Geswein; Faith Formation – Charles Stilger.

Meeting opened at 7:00 with a prayer.
Minutes from 4/15/09 reviewed & approved as presented.

Report from Faith Formation Commission

The Commission has elected officers: Chair, Eric Schockling; Vice-Chair, Charles Stilger; Secretary, Janet Philpot. Charles will serve as the representative at Parish Council meetings. A job description for the DRE/CRE position was drafted. Committees were established: Finance, and Adult and Youth Faith Formation. They plan to review how Faith Formation Commissions at other parishes operate. The Commission recommended the establishment of a Liturgical Committee. Father agreed that such a Committee might be a good idea for the parish, and also noted that the parish might want to have a Sacristan (a person charged with the care of the sacristy and church, and with helping in preparing for liturgical rites).

Report from Finance

Due to Legacy for Our Mission contributions, YTD revenue is over budget, but collections are under by \$16,000. Legacy of Hope funds are at \$18,621. Legacy for Our Mission funds are at \$52,704. The proposed budget was presented. The Committee will ask for approval at the June meeting.

Report from St. Anne's

None.

Report from Building & Grounds

The Committee recommended switching from Silgas to another gas provider. The parish uses approximately 6,000 gallons per year. Ferrellgas has made a good offer. They will set new tanks, but the parish will be able to purchase gas from anyone. Ferrellgas' name will be on the tanks. The Committee also reported that another cemetery work day was held on May 18.

Report from Youth Ministry

None. Planning is continuing for Vacation Bible School.

Old Business

Defibrillators: Eric is still looking into CPR training. He will try to find out how many in the parish would be interested in training, and move forward if sufficient interest is shown. It was

also noted that, alternatively, or in addition, a short demonstration session could be held to acquaint people in the parish with the defibrillators, especially those who already have CPR training.

Father's retirement: A subcommittee was formed to implement plans for the reception.

Parish Council By-Laws: Joe reported that he searched, but was unable to find any copies of existing by-laws for the Parish Council. Using the guidelines from the Archdiocese, Joe prepared a draft of new by-laws. He asked Council members to review the draft, as well as the Archdiocese's guidelines. Although no action will be taken until the Council has met with the incoming pastor, the Council agreed that it made sense to have by-laws in a form that readily could be put in place after the new pastor arrives.

New Business

Shrine Maintenance: Beth Ann discussed plans for minor improvements to the Shrine in front of the church building. It was noted that 4 or 5 years ago significant repairs were made. Stones and mortar were replaced as needed. The cost for those repairs was around \$6,000. Walter agreed to research whether some type of sealant was available that would help to minimize wear and erosion and thus the need for significant repairs in the near future.

Parish Council Elections: Plans were discussed for upcoming elections for new members of the Parish Council. The goal is to have elections completed before the June meeting so that newly elected members can sit-in on a meeting before assuming their duties.

Father's Comments

Father Ripperger noted that Father Hilderbrand is looking forward to his assignment at St. Mary's. Father also reiterated that it will not be easy for him to leave. He will be thinking of and praying for us, and he asks for our prayers and support. He feels very blessed to have spent so many years at St. Mary's Lanesville.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Next Meeting June 17, 2009.