

**Our Lady of Mercy Parish Council
Meeting Minutes of February 11, 2008**

Present: Fr. Hugh, Dave Groeber, Lou Kearney, Mary Konkle, Len Eichkoff, Phyllis Anderson, John Martin, Marty Kadziela

Absent: John Plummer, Tony Martini, Haleigh Oleksiak, Dave Miserendino

Invited Guests:

Prayer and Reflection: Tony Martini

Minutes of last meeting: (January 14, 2008), approved.

Action Items:

- Goals for 2008-2009 – Dave G. wants to have commission reports be shorter and more to the highlights. Want to make the meetings more directed toward action items and how we can make a difference. Also, interested in having PC members each attend a different commission meeting in 2008 to learn more about the commissions and to show our presence as a council.
- Format change for meetings – Looking to change format, commissions submit reports in advance by email to John M. and/or Dave G. and they will be sent with the agenda prior to the meetings. Then in the meetings we will just discuss highlights and action items.
- Ministry Fair – John Plummer working on. Last weekend in March – 29/30th.
- Volunteer Appreciation Afternoon – May 18th 2 pm to 5 pm

Commission Reports (Highlights):

Administration Commission (AC): Dave G. – Finance: xmas donations were up, balanced by some expenses since (i.e. heating bill, mortgage interest to diocese, tile floor). Need to stay close to \$26k per week in collections - running \$20-\$21k per week. Second collections hurt when they apply. Attendance has been down due to weather.

Faith Formation Commission (FFC): P. Anderson – No new updates, mission coming up, alpha starting. Women's retreat March 3rd. Father asks us to spread the word. Guest speaker coming for the retreat. Next quarterly meeting May 22. Next FFC meeting March 3rd. Faith Formation Team meets 3rd Monday of every month.

Service Commission (SC): Len Eichkoff – Commission met on Jan 28th. Next meeting is April 28th. Jolene's Dancing in the Spirit going over well. There is a problem with the nursery conflicting with children's liturgy. It may be a people issue, as some of the same people are working both. They would like the nursery decorated more as a nursery. Request was submitted to administration. OLM Policy states that decorations need to be approved. They need a short legged table with

the request as well. Dave G. will submit the request to the committee. Len wants more than a "no" response, but some guidance on what they can do.

Worship Commission (WC): Marty Kadziela newly appointed – Commission did not meet last week because of weather. Marty met with some staff. 3 Goals:

1. streamline/standardize operations of masses (regular masses are routine but special masses are a challenge).
 2. know about and know how to use ADD equipment
 3. Security (collection baskets, mana cases)
- They meet the first Monday of each month.

Committee Reports:

Youth Ministry Report: Haleigh Oleksiak couldn't make it. Retreat went well. Other items are in the bulletin.

Building Committee Report: Building usage policy has been approved. Lou K. requests that the policy document be distributed to the commissions. Part of the challenge is to have a facilities manager. If anyone has questions send emails to Dave G., Father, or John Shea. Lack of storage is an issue.

Lou K. – Kitchen moving along. Bearing Industries are coming to resolve issues with steam table and other issues. Also need to get pans for steam tables. Dishwasher is small, okay for now. Kitchen needs cleaning up. Kitchen approved by Aurora inspectors. Need instructions on use and cleaning of kitchen for those that use it.

Carpets in the narthex. We are looking at carpeting for Sacristy, Confessionals, Cry Room and the Ministry Room. We have purchased carpet squares. We are considering professional installation.

Caulking – not sure if it is completed. Lou K. to check on status.

In the church the kneelers and pews are in regular need of repair. Mike Brogan has been fixing them, but he is sick and no one has been taking care of them. We are also considering new carpeting for church.

Hot water is not available in the ministry kitchen.

These types of issues should be communicated (emailed) to Janice, who will forward to John Shea or direct elsewhere if appropriate.

Lost and found items – collecting items. Plan to have a table at hospitality at the upcoming Ministry Fair. We may have an announcement in the bulletin.

Diocesan: Dave G. – Dave sending out diocesan events. Parish will pick up the fees. Submit request to Mary.

General Announcements:

Adjusting opening prayer schedule for June Martini will take.

Mission starting 2/24 through 2/26 with Sister Mary Benet McKinney. Special sessions for Seniors on Monday and Moms on Tuesday. More info in bulletin. Dinner dance March 1st.

Closing Prayer: Father Hugh concluded the meeting with prayer.

Next PC meeting: Monday, March 10, 2007 @7:00 p.m. in the PLC.

Respectfully submitted by John Martin

Minutes Approved: _____ Signature: _____