

**Our Lady of Mercy Parish Council
Meeting Minutes of May 12, 2008**

Present: Phyllis Anderson, Jean Bohr, Len Eichkoff, Fr. Hugh, Dave Groeber, Marty Kadziela, Lou Kearney, Mary Konkle, John Martin, Tony Martini, Haleigh Oleksiak, John Plummer

Absent: None

- I. Opening Prayer (Mary K.)
- II. Minutes Approval – 4/14 meeting minutes approved
- III. Action Items
 - a. Goals for 2008-9
 - i. Lou K. attended diocesan session on goal setting and provided feedback
 - Get feedback and participation from commissions and parishioners toward parish goals
 - Parish Council then prioritizes and finalizes goals for the parish
 - Consensus that this process should be adopted by OLM.
 - ii. Plan:
 - Send communication to commissions regarding goals and our interest in their input
 - a. to four main commissions and other groups
 - Shoot for finalizing goals in Sept/Oct
 - Assign At-Large members to each main commission
 - a. Lou K. – Service
 - b. Tony M. – Worship
 - c. Mary K. - Faith Formation
 - d. John M. - Admin
- IV. Commission Reports

Recommendation for a communication to commissions that they can post information on the website. Suggestion that Dave M. puts out a reminder at the calendar meeting (Jean B. will handle). Requests go to Dave M.

 - a. Admin (Dave G.)

Report attached.
Calendar meeting is 6/3
Discussed Auto Payments for Weekly Collections. Per Dave G. this has been available for direct payments via bank routing numbers but not

available for paying by credit card. PC would like Admin to get the word out to parishioners on how to set up auto payments for weekly collections.

- b. Faith Formation (Phyllis A.)
Report attached. Highlights:
Catholics Returning Home - Turnout wasn't great, but the program went well. Plan to do more in the future – generally around Christmas and Easter.
- c. Service (Len E.)
Report attached. Highlights:
Service Commission meeting – low turnout, looking for ways to improve attendance.
Looking to put ministry blurbs on the website
Looking to improve communication to the parish about what is going on
Recent Events - Loving Hands, XX, Sock Hop
- d. Worship (Marty K.)

Met last week
Problems with 12:30 mass lack of volunteers for Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and Ushers
Concert (was at Pentecost) will be moved to feast of St. Cecilia weekend – Nov 22nd

V. Other Committee Reports

- a. Youth (Haleigh O.)
Youth masses once a month at 5:30 pm mass
Challenges getting youth involved due to conflicts in school and church calendars
Confirmation just ended
Retreat this Sunday (5/18)
Level 2 retreats this summer
- b. Building (Lou K.)
Looking to replace bushes that died with trees
Nothing else new to report

VI. Other Items

- a. Ministry Fair (was 4/26 & 27 – Tony M. and John P.) went well overall. Good set up. Quality was good but turnout low at some masses due to being off the beaten path. 7:30 and 9:00 were low; 10:45 was great.

- Phyllis A. suggested a video w/music running to peak people's interest. Worked well for Alpha and they have DVD's.
 - Looking to have 2 per year (fall/spring) going forward and will shoot for same approximate dates as this/last year. Someone (Tony M. or John P.) will look to attend the parish calendar meeting (6/3).
- b. Volunteer Appreciation Day (5/18 – John P. and committee)
 Everything is set. John P. estimates approximately 500 people will attend. Father to announce at the masses this weekend.
 OLM Staff and PC members to volunteer to help. 12 youth are planning to help too.
 Belgio's is handling food – they will grill some outside - their equipment.
 Full DJ. Childcare will be provided.
 Discussed layout of room and various details.
- c. John P. and Larry H. have discussed how to get general guidelines, etc. of parish out more pro-actively – to be discussed at meeting to set the parish calendar (6/3). Also plan to include John Shea.
- Discussed suggestion to include Mary Dunbar/Larry Harris/Jean Bohr on requests that would potentially be impacted by OLM's general guidelines.

VII. Closing Prayer – Fr. Hugh concluded the meeting with prayer

VIII. Meeting & Prayer schedule – June 9 (Tony M.)

Next PC meeting: Monday, June 9, 2008 @ 7:00 p.m. in the PLC.

Respectfully submitted by John Martin

Minutes Approved: 5/28/08 Signature: John Martin