

**Our Lady of Mercy Parish Council
Meeting Minutes of June 9, 2008**

Present: Phyllis Anderson, Fr. Hugh, Marty Kadziela, Lou Kearney, John Martin, John Plummer, Candy Rice

Absent: Len Eichkoff, Dave Groeber, Mary Konkle, Tony Martini, Haleigh Oleksiak

- I. Opening Prayer (John P.)
- II. Minutes Approval – 5/12 meeting minutes approved
- III. Action Items
 - a. Goals for 2008-9
 - i. Will discuss and finalize in Sept./Oct.
- IV. Commission Reports
 - a. Admin
 - i. Had Parish Calendar Meeting on 6/3
 - b. Faith Formation (Phyllis A.)
 - i. Goals – they have 4 ideas:
 - Talk to Parish
 - Hospitality to all ministries
 - Sense of community
 - Faith Formation to parish to understand faith and call to discipleship
 - ii. Returning home catholics planned – Sunday afternoons – Jan 4th to Feb 15th and April 7th to May 24th
 - iii. Bible Study – into 9/9/08 to 10/2/08
 - iv. Small Faith Groups – 2/24/09 to 4/21/09
 - v. New Group – Young Adults – Dave M.
 - Theology on Tap – 7/13, 7/20 & 7/27 – geared toward couples; includes parishes in the area
 - vi. Working on Collegiate Ministry – for college attendees when they are at home from school.
 - vii. Alpha – once a year in the fall
 - Need to have at least 15 participants
 - Phyllis to attend June 24/25 conference
 - viii. Mary Amore – Parish speaker – 5/12/09 – topic TBD
 - c. Service (Len E.)

- i. No meeting since last PC meeting
- ii. Decided on location for exterior signs – on building facing parking lot

- d. Worship (Marty K.)
 - i. Nothing to report

V. Other Items

- a. Ministry Fair – Looking for fall & spring sessions – similar dates. Need to request dates.
- b. Volunteer Appreciation Day
 - i. Held 5/18 – went very well
 - ii. Plan to work with Corship Commission Reps and Reps from PC and Parish Staff for next year and do annually
 - iii. Will use similar format
 - iv. Want to get 43 commissions more involved
 - v. Belagio's did a great job
 - vi. Around 300 attended
- c. Discussed Jazz Vespers
 - i. Prayer and reflection night with music
 - ii. John P. to check with Larry H.
- d. Discussed PC Member Length of Terms
 - i. Member 2 year terms coming up in Sept. – John P., Phyllis A., Lou K. (VP through end of 2008), John M. (Secretary through end of 2008)
 - ii. Phyllis A. will not return in Sept. – Betty Abbott to replace from Faith Formation
 - iii. Lou K. and John M. to continue to serve out PC positions of VP and Secretary respectively through 2008.
 - iv. John P. open to continuing
 - v. Fr. Hugh requested that we work on the parish bylaws for PC members to extend past 2 years
- e. Discussed interest in a combined PC & Parish Staff meeting – once per year

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

VII. Meeting & Prayer schedule – Sept. (John M.)

Next PC meeting: Monday, September 8, 2008 @ 7:00 p.m. in the PLC.

Respectfully submitted by John Martin

Minutes Approved: 8/11/08 Signature: John Martin