

**Our Lady of Mercy Parish Council
Meeting Minutes of Sept 10, 2007**

Present: Fr. Hugh, Dave Groeber, Lou Kearney, John Plummer, Terry Sheen, Tony Martini, Mary Konkol, Jude Zwick
Absent: Phyllis Anderson (excused), Haleigh Oleksiak, John Bremner, John Martin, Jude Zwick
Invited Guests: None
Prayer and Reflection: Fr. Hugh
Minutes of last meeting: (June 11, 2007), approved.

Announcements:

- We would like to welcome Mary Konkol to the Parish Council.
- Fall meeting dates have been announced as follows; October 8 (Martini), November 12 (Kearney), December 10 (Martin), January 14 (Groeber).
- Ministry Fair Update by Tony Martini – 16 tables have been reserved for the event with growing anticipation. A diagram will be distributed as to where tables will be placed with there assignments of the different organizations. Two signs will be displayed in the coming weeks to create awareness and provide information to the parish.
- Volunteer Recognition Dinner (VRN) Update by John Plummer – The Facilities Request Form will be filled out by T. Sheen and a kitchen update will be provided prior to next months meeting. The committee is diligently working and invites will be distributed on Tuesday Sept. 11th. There will be a bulletin mention with a stuffer and an announcement made from the pulpit at all upcoming masses. Belgio's Catering is in the final stages of meeting our budget and needs, more to follow. Bob Weber (parishioner) will be providing the music for the event and the final touches on logistics are being completed.
- As a reminder, Welcoming & Registration meets the last Sunday of the month at 11am. All parish organizations are encouraged to attend.
- Terry Sheen will be attending meetings this week to finalize the kitchen and gain the needed approvals.
- John Shea has submitted a Building Policy for the PC's review and would like approval and/or feedback prior to 9/24.

Commission Reports:

Administration Commission (AC): Dave Groeber reported that the first two calendar months of the new year show the budget \$11,000 behind expectations. Our weekly goal to keep everything operational is \$26,000 and should normalize now that school is back in session. A Stewardship letter will go out to every parishioner and coincide with the Ministry Fair. Our OLM budget should be submitted to the diocese within 30 days.

Faith Formation Commission (FFC): Fr. Hugh reported that the Alpha program is going very well and they have 35 members and 20 people on the committee as of their last meeting. The Bible Study group has done a wonderful job in maintaining its energy in the absence of Fr. Allam. Nicky Gumbel's talks on Thursday nights are very good and everyone should come out to see him speak.

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Service Commission (SC): Fr. Hugh reported that on August 15th the commission met with 15 groups in attendance. The meeting was very productive and we have had an inquiry to help support this cause.

Worship Commission (WC): Larry Harris reports that the Hand Bell Choir will be starting soon and that an anonymous parishioner has donated the new portraits that will be displayed at the entrance of the PLC by early October. These portraits will include Joseph, Mary, the Holy Family and the 12 Apostles.

Action Items:

Committee Reports:

Youth Ministry Report: Terry Sheen reports that the summer mission went very well and the new Jr. High Program – EDGE is in need of some additional help. This program will reach out to 7th and 8th graders and meet every other Monday in the PLC. Call the parish office for details.

Building Committee Report: Terry Sheen reports that a clock and cross will be displayed in every room at the PLC within the next few weeks. The volleyball nets are on hold and we are meeting with the proper building contactors to resolve the issue. A full movie screen was donated to be used behind the stage to create community spirit for upcoming events.

General Announcements:

- Dave Groeber will look into the consistency of our Nursery program and will report at the next meeting.
- Mass with the Bishop will be held at OLM on Wednesday 9/12 @ 7:30pm to focus on Pro Life.
- The 10th Anniversary of OLM will take place on Sept. 24th on the Feast of Our lady of Mercy. Look for memorabilia and special Holy cards to remind of us our foundation and roots of our church.
- Mercy Fest (Oct. 18-21st) is going well as planned. Countless hours from volunteers are working to accommodate the new changes at this year's celebration. We will be moving a portion of the activities inside the new building to enhance the event and utilize our resources.
- Religious Education is in need of a few more teachers to cover the Monday night 4:30pm classes - we have roughly 150 kids without placement. Otherwise we are having a very smooth transition into the new building.

Closing Prayer: Father Hugh concluded the meeting with prayer.

Next PC meeting: Monday, October 8, 2007 @7:00 p.m. in the PLC.

Respectfully submitted by John Plummer

Minutes Approved: _____ Signature: _____