

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

Present: Fr. Hugh, Dave Groeber, Lou Kearney, Terry Sheen, Tony Martini, John Martin, Phyllis Anderson, Haleigh Oleksiak, Len Eickhoff, Dave Miserendino

Absent: John Bremner, John Plummer, Mary Konkle

Invited Guests: None

Prayer and Reflection: John Martin

Minutes of last meeting: (November 12, 2007), pending approval (10/8 meeting notes also pending approval).

Announcements:

- Dave Miserendino was introduced as the Parish Office staff representative for the Parish Council for the next 3 months.
- Meeting minutes from the October and November meetings need to be finalized and approved.

Action Items:

- Ministry Fair Future Plans – Tony to lead again and will recruit additional help as needed. Shooting for the spring (possibly the last weekend of April). Email notice will go out to Commission Group leaders to give notice. RE may benefit through recruiting additional teachers.
- Volunteer Recognition Dinner – Discussed options, timing, etc. John Plummer to lead coordination efforts. Terry to check with Mary D. for open dates. May do Friday or Saturday evening or Sunday afternoon in the PLC. Do not plan to combine with Ministry Fair. General invite to all parishioners in the bulletin. Parish Council and Parish Staff to serve hot dogs and refreshments.
- Boy Scout Troop – Per Dave G. administration committee decided against hosting a Boy Scout Troop. Decision has been communicated to the requestor. OLM's desire to not extend use of the PLC to non-parishioners and liability issues cited as reasons.
- Parish Council Elections – coming up in January. Positions to be considered include Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary.

Commission Reports:

Administration Commission (AC): Met last week. Results for financial year ended in June out soon. Weekly collections running \$22-\$23K vs. expected need of \$26K. May have to pull back in some areas. Finalized last Expenditures on the PLC. Cash position not bad.

Faith Formation Commission (FFC): RCIA includes 22 individuals this year, 8 are to be baptized. 7 kids to be baptized at Easter as well. Baptisms are down in the parish. Having baptisms 3 times per month. RE K-6 has 140 catechists for 1,500 kids enrolled. It's working well and they like being in the PLC. FMT has a new brochure. We discussed stuffing it in the bulletin. Survey done on Alpha, 37 responses. Great success. Plans underway to do another Alpha. Kicking off with a reunion of past participants over a pizza night. There is an upcoming article on our Alpha program that will be in the Catholic Explorer.

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Service Commission (SC): Giving Tree Moving Fund. Hessed House – in January looking to give Manna Certificates/Gift Cards through donations. Loving Hands are knitting scarfs for Wayward Cross. Next meeting January 28th.

Worship Commission (WC): No report.

Youth Commission (YC): Confirmation going well. 6 other youths participated in the last meeting. Looking to collect teddy bears to give to local fire stations to give out to kids.

Building Commission (BC): Thanks to volunteers for help in ripping up carpets in the Narthex. Tile being installed this week. Working on finalizing city permits for final PLC work. Building committee meeting planned for January to discuss loose ends that need to be completed in PLC. John Shea has list of items that need to be done. Discussed recognition plaques on walls for Knights of Columbus and GEMs. There are procedures for posting.

Miscellaneous:

- Dave G. still sending notices on diocesan events. PC members encouraged to participate. Parish will pick up the cost.
- Discussed traffic issues with RE nights. Dave M. acknowledged and indicated improvements have already been made.

General Announcements:

- 2008 PC meeting dates set.

Closing Prayer: Father Hugh concluded the meeting with prayer.

Next PC meeting: Monday, January 14, 2008 @7:00 p.m. in the PLC.

Respectfully submitted by John Martin

Minutes Approved: 12.20.07 Signature: John Martin