

**St. Mary's / St. Robert Bellarmine Joint Parish Council Meeting Minutes:**

*Date of Meeting: Tuesday, October 18th, 2011*

• **Opening Prayer:**

The October Joint Parish Council meeting was called to order by Jane Babik, Council Chairperson, at 6:33 P.M.

Attendees: Father Robert Kacalo, Jane Babik, Dave Henderson, Len Erickson, , Jeff Braun, Helen Schattner, Ed Furey, Sue Young, Ellen Galvan & Kathie Joseph.

Excused: Mona McDermott

Absent: Tom Calouette & Joanne Goetz.

The opening prayer was read by Sue Young.

• **Approval of Minutes (September 20th, 2011 Meeting):**

Motion was made to approve meeting minutes by Ed Furey and seconded by Jeff Braun. September – 2011 Meeting Minutes were approved by joint parish council.

• **Voice of Parishioners:**

- Positive comments regarding the various events related to St Robert's Festival.
- Positive comments regarding the restored statues at St. Mary's.

• **Pastor's Report:**

- FIOF Meeting to approve drawings next week.
- Phase I cost approximately \$98,000 (have FIOF \$'s to cover Phase I)
- St Robert's is approximately 25% below in contributions. Letter will be included in quarterly parishioner's statement to call attention to this deficit. Discussion around why this is occurring & what can be done to address these short falls.
- Sarah Gray will be attending stewardship conference this month. Sarah will obtain additional insight around stewardship and potentially new strategies to improve overall stewardship at both parishes.

• **Action Items:**

- The St. Mary's Finance Committee plan to demolish St Mary's former rectory building was reviewed and discussed by the council. The history of the former rectory building was also reviewed.

A motion for the parish council to endorse the demolition of the former rectory as outlined in the St. Mary's Finance minutes dated 10/13/11 was made by Kathie Joseph and seconded by Sue Young. The vote was taken on this recommendation and was unanimously approved with none opposing the plan.

• **Old Business:**

- St Robert's & St Mary's Festival
  - St Robert's Net profit approximately \$17,000 (September–2011).
  - St Mary's Festival Net profit approximately \$25,000 (August–2011).
- **New Business:**
  - Ministry Fair this weekend at St. Roberts (October 24<sup>th</sup>).
    - Father complemented Jane Babik in conjunction with Sarah Gray on their efforts to put together the Time and Talent directory, Ministry Fair information, present it to the parishes.
  - Conceal / Open Gun Carry Discussed. Archdiocese is reviewing and will advise parishes of recommended policy.
- **Liaison Reports:**
  - Various Committee Reports Discussed.
- **Church Roles & Responsibilities Video:**
  - Watched video on the church hierarchy and the various roles & responsibilities associated with the church (from Archbishop to Parish Council members).
- **Next Meeting:**  
 Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011.  
 Meeting will be held at St. Robert's @ 6:30 P.M.

Dave Henderson will be responsible for the opening and closing prayer at our November 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

- **Closing Prayer & Meeting Adjourned:**  
 Sue Young said closing prayer and meeting was adjourned by Jane Babik at 8:07P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,

Dave Henderson  
 Joint Parish Council Secretary