

St. Mary's / St. Robert's Joint Parish Council
St. Robert Bellarmine, Union Grove
June 21, 2011

I. Opening Prayer:

The June Joint Parish Council meeting was called to order by Jane Babik, Council President, at 6:30p.m. Jeff Braun (SRB) and Kathy Joseph (SMD) were welcomed as new council members. The opening prayer was led by Joanne Goetz.

II. Approval of Minutes:

The minutes were approved after a motion from Ed Fury and a second by Kris Bernstein.

III. Voice of Parishioners:

A discussion took place of how the 12:00 masses at St. Mary's are going. Father Robert stated that the attendance is slowly increasing. A very nice ad was placed in the Hi Liter and will run again soon. It was noted that the mass times on the web page are not correct and are to be updated.

IV. Pastor's Report:

Father Robert announced that Ed Fury is staying is staying on as Trustee for St. Mary's. He and the council thanked Ed for his commitment and for his previous service.

Interviews are currently in process for staff positions. Second interviews are being scheduled and Kris Bernstein, who has a background in HR, will assist in those interviews.

Proxies have been received from the Archdiocese to raise the St. Mary's Rectory and to sell or rent out the school.

The festival committees have had meetings and are planning many new things.

A mass will be held under the tent on September 25th at 10:00 a.m. to celebrate the Feast day of Saint Robert Bellarmine. There will also be a pot luck dinner for parishioners.

Faith in our Future committee met – Tom Calouette presented estimates for costs of St. Roberts remodel project. A budget is now being created.

St. Mary's Faith of our future – Changes to the alter and the refurbishing of the statues was discussed.

SMD festival date is set for August 14th, 2011. Ed Fury has been working on donations. We will start using the new Roman Missal in September but will be able to start using the songs now.

Father asked the council to give some consideration to what we can do with the volleyball courts at St. Robert's.

V. Old Business:

Holding some kind of a gathering at the burning of the rectory was discussed.

Whatever is planned should be done with honor and respect since there are treasured memories associated with the parish campus.

Ted Hart, a commercial developer, looked at the school and came up with a value of \$380,000 and, if rented, an income value of \$395,000. The proxy states that the school building can only be rented for "appropriate use".

In order to sell the school, a survey of the property would need to be done.

We are still looking for a St. Robert's parishioner to fill the council vacancy left by Karen Tuinstra.

VI. Committee Reports:

Ann Tietyen gave a Human Concerns Committee report. They are looking to grow their membership and extended an invitation to all council members to attend a meeting.

Father Robert expressed his thanks to Ann and all of the members of the Human Concerns Committee for all that they do.

Providence School is hoping for 60 students this fall and that number could put them in the black.

No other committee reports were given.

VII. New Business:

Providence Auction Request – It was decided that we do not have a room available at SRB to accommodate their request. The request to use the Hall for free is being considered. More discussion with Providence is needed. Jane Babik will talk to Sarah Gray to see if she has any connections there.

Parish council Committee Liaisons and Positions will be assigned at the next meeting.

We are all asked to prayerfully consider what positions we can take.

Michael O'Brien Concert – It was decided to go ahead with the fundraiser event at a cost of only \$82.00 to the parish.

VIII. Next Meeting:

Parish Council will not meet in July. The next meeting will be August 16th, 2011 at St. Robert's.

Prayers will be led by Kathy Joseph.

Father Robert expressed his appreciation to Kris Bernstein for her 8 years of service as a Trustee. She has agreed to stay on the Finance Committee for one year.

Linda Bower and Ruth Danner were also thanked for time on the council.

Joanne Goetz led the closing prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Young

Parish Council

