

St Mark's Parish Council

September 20, 2010

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Fr. Joe, Meg Marino, Mary Scarda, Ed Parker, Dave Woeste

Unofficial meeting due to lack of Quorum

Opening prayer

Father updated activities and projects within the Parish that occurred over the summer.

- Picnic on Sept 19 was very successful. Approximately 220 parishioners attended.
- The islands in the parking lot have been weeded and landscaped.
- A drop box for parishioners to leave documents outside office hours has been placed by the front door.
- A Peace pole in four languages is now in the engraved brick area.
- A brick circle to be used during Easter vigils was built for an Eagle Scout project on the corner island at the end of the church hall building. Building & Grounds is investigating options for finishing. In addition, the path to father's residence and the St Francis shrine has been repaired and improved.
- There is now a hymn board behind the music ministry.
- The gathering space rug has been cleaned, removing the stains. Area rug runners (4' x 15') have been purchased to put down during hospitality weekends to keep the underlying rug clean.
- Functions at the Parish Hall
 - Columbiettes held a trick tray on Sept 18
 - Columbiettes will sponsor a cash for Gold event
 - Men's Bible study is hosting a beer tasting event in October
- Collection procedures have been modified to accommodate the Bishop's new Collection Decree. We are now using tamper proof bags and double signatures by Eucharistic ministers to increase security of the money.
- Vacation bible school completed another very successful program.
- Marylee Terpstra has left her position in the CEC program and is replaced by Cheryl Eskola. Registration levels are about the same as last year with 72% registering by May 15. All levels are off to a good start.
- Father Joe will continue to send out a parish event e mail monthly similar to his August e mail.
- Jeanne Yannuzzi has almost completed the Parishioner Neighborhood map. This will add to our evangelization efforts. Section leaders will be given training.
- The diocese is opening "ST Paul inside the Walls Center: The Catholic Center for Evangelization at Bayley-Ellard." This new center will offer a number of programs in support of the parishes.
- Future Items
 - Christmas is on Saturday this year. We will have the normal 4 morning Christmas Masses, but no 5:30 PM Mass
 - The Men's bible study group wants to build some book shelves for our "library" that is now in the Daily Chapel. They would also like to set up a book sign out system.
 - Life Line Screening will be at our Parish on October 7th. Bringing in outside groups will hopefully help increase awareness of our parish in the community.
 - On Sunday Oct 3 there will be annual blessing of the animals.
 - During Lent, the Cornerstone group under Deacon Ray will give a presentation on Wednesday nights after Mass.
- Meg Marino and Ed Parker will draft a garden flag design (small flags) to send to the Council. Meg has offered to pay for the flags.

Next Meeting: Sunday Oct 3 at 1PM is a Parish Finances update with Pac, Finance Committee and Committee of fifteen parishioners

Next PAC meeting: November 1 at 7:30 PM.

