

## **St. Mark's Parish Council**

March 29, 2011

Meeting Minutes – Unofficial Meeting – Did not have a Quorum

**Attendees:** Fr. Joe, Jeff Culbert, Brigitte Kwasnicki, Kevin O'Shea, Ed and Dave Woeste

### **Opening Prayer**

#### **Grant Thorton Consulting Firm –**

- This consulting firm has been engaged by the Diocese to assess all Parishes and Agencies
- Expected to be a long term project looking at all aspects of the Diocese including Finance, better use of Priests etc...
- Consultants and representatives from Diocese met with Fr. Joe on March 29
  - Most of the discussion was around finances given St. Mark's position

#### **Financial Update –**

- Overall, as mentioned in prior meetings, situation has improved compared to last year
- Increase in On Line giving and Supermarket card purchases
- CEC registration sent out and tuition will be flat to last year.
  - New process implemented last year increasing cost has been successful
  - Prior periods 46% of CEC cost came from collection revenue, this year only 26%
  - Grant from Diocese increases from \$15K to \$16K towards CEC

#### **Lenten Programs –**

Cornerstone Bible program have been well attended approximately 15-20 people outside of the Cornerstone members. Last evening for this will be 3/30/11

- The next two Wednesdays will be the Woman's Bible study program led by Lorraine Fleming
- Monday reconciliations have been successful – not a large crowd but a good % of active Parishioners
  - April 9 there will be a reconciliation evening with a few Priests available to hear confession

### **New Translations/Changes Mass Plan**

- Implementation is on track for first Sunday in Advent.
- New misalettes have been ordered and will be available for transition
- Ministry leaders attending Diocesan training
- In May training for all ministry members to take place one of three nights at St. Mark's.
- Music Ministry already working on rehearsing new songs.

### **7 Simple Steps – Tabled until future meeting**

### **SWOT Analysis/Critical Action Items**

- We briefly discussed the genesis of this and the progress over the years
- This was last reviewed in 2009 and was the basis for the 2009 Open PAC meeting
- All PAC members are being asked to review this document ahead of the May meeting
- We should consider if any items need to be revisited at this time.
- These action items should be incorporated into our next open PAC meeting in June

## **Open PAC meeting –**

- June 11 has been blocked on the Church calendar for this meeting
- The May PAC meeting will focus on preparing for this
- Dave Woeste suggested we ensure a positive message and focus on the progress over the last few years
- All PAC members should give some thought ahead of the May meeting so that we can have plenty of ideas to share
- It is important that we have a majority of attendance at our May meeting in order to be effective in the June Open PAC meeting.

## **Other –**

- Brigitte inquired about the Kitchen and the reasons for not refurbishing
- Fr. Joe indicated the cost has been estimated at \$90K and the benefits would not justify the cost
- In order to fully utilize this as a kitchen there is a lot of work to be done
- In its current state it can be used for light usage (e.g. cooking on griddles)
- Most renters of the Hall bring in catered food and no one has asked to use the Kitchen for cooking or preparation of food.