

St. Mary's Council  
Parish Council Meeting Minutes  
February 26, 2008  
Submitted by Randy Bayerl

7:40 PM Called to Order, Opening Prayer

**Roll Call:**

**Members present:** Randy Bayerl (2010), Tom Gaetz (2008), Judy Barthelemy (2010), Karen Reisdorf (2008), Matthew Lucas (2010), Deb Castellanos (2009), Tony Oelrich (pastor), Peter Donohue (trustee)  
**Not Present:** Suzanne Owen (2009), Mike Boyle (2009), Vonnie Ibes (2008), Hannah Woken (youth rep), Ann Cofell (trustee).

Discussion on process for Agenda and Minute communication.

- Create agenda minimum 2 week prior to meeting (Fr. Tony & Council Chair)
- Email Minutes to Parish Office (to Katina Bruggeman) two week before to be included with Agenda for email and mailing to council members prior to the meeting.

Agenda Review - Approved

Minutes - Approval

New Business:

- Discussed process for upcoming council member elections.
  - Member Leaving: Vonnie Ibes, Tom Gaetz, Karen Reisdorf
  - Processes – April 23th reminder of nomination at next Sunday Masses April 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. April 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> Masses: Confirmed Parish Members nominations all masses. Nominating slips in the pews and collected during offering, collated and nominees called to see who would be willing to be considered, one per household. Those accepting will be asked to develop responses as was done in the past for presentation at May 4<sup>th</sup> discernment/selection. May 4<sup>th</sup>: Discernment after 9:45 AM Mass in the basement gathering space, three new council members will be selected.
  - Tom Gates to created nomination forms and arranges for them and pencils to be placed in the pews on April 19<sup>th</sup> & April 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Discussion about reviving a parish breakfast.
  - Mother Day weekend was suggested. Free breakfast in their honor that day.
  - Tom Gates to help coordinate event.
- Cluster Vision Presentation by Fr. Tony (PowerPoint)
  - Father Tony will look for dates to schedule and share with Parish

Committee Reports:

Joe - Report Finance

- Completed balanced budget to be presented at March meeting.
- School Board was canceled – no report
- Update on Donation to Grade School – Anonymous Gift of \$70,000 (Request to use for gift for all grade school children or about \$250 per child each for next three years to help reduce attendance costs.)

Faith Formation: Fr. Tony

- Father discussed his vision for the re-invigorating this ministry and how our facilities (Mary Center) play a role as a living center of Catechesis.

Block Party Update – Peter

- Outlined work going on to date. Talked about sponsorships for the block party to enable the funding commitments to be secured and fundraising goals met prior to the event being held. Cash raised at the event would be a bonus.

Liturgy – Peter

- Easter planning is complete

Stewardship – No report

Parish Life: (Group recalled decision from last meeting)

- Par down to two events:
  - July – Fire Cracker Chili Cook-off
  - January - Ugly Sweeter Party

Faith in Action (FIAT) – Fr. Tony

- Discussion on need for membership. Tom Gaetz will investigate who might be able to attend on our behalf in the future and report back to the council.

Building and Grounds – Tom

- No New updates, Tom still reviewing plans for south side of church as outlined at previous meetings.

Next Meeting: March 25th

Adjourned 9:00 PM