

**St. Mary's Cathedral  
Parish Council Minutes**  
September 23, 2008

Chair: Deb Castellanos  
Recorder: Judy Barthelemy

1. Called to order at 7:30p.m. by Deb Castellanos

- 1.1 Gathering prayer by Fr. Anthony Oelrich
- 1.2 Roll Call

Attending:

Judy Barthelemy (2010), Suzanne Owen (2009), Mike Boyle (2009), Deb Castellanos (2009), Jodi George (2011), Sheila Reineke (2011), Jim Wildeson (2011),

Fr. Tony Oelrich, Peter Donohue (Trustee), Ann Cofell (Trustee), Hannah Wocken (youth rep)

Guests:

Vern Dahlheimer, Tom Farrell, John Munson, Dick Jessen, Joe Ackerman

Absent:

Matt Lucas (2010), Randy Bayerl (2010),

2. Minutes from the May 27, 2008 meeting were approved.

3. Agenda was reviewed and approved.

4. Election of Officers

- 4.1 Chair: Deb Castellanos
- 4.2 Vice-Chair: Jim Wildeson
- 4.3 Secretary: Judy Barthelemy

5. Vern Dahlheimer Presentation

Faithful Citizenship Bishop Statement to be summarized in a 2 page insert in the bulletin this fall. It will go to all three parishes in the cluster.

There is Parish Social ministry training at Lake Koronis from 10-11am, DATE???? Sponsored by Catholic Charities (current examples of social ministry are St. Raphael Dinner, BeFriender program and Community meal).

6. Committee Reports

6.1 Block Party Review:

- Increased revenues of approximately \$1000. Final totals not in yet, but looks to be around \$31,000-32,000.
- Dick Jessen and committee was able to raise \$14,000 in sponsorships.
- Attendance down by 140
- Raffle also decreased

--Discussion on new committee chairs and finding new volunteers. Some chairs originated with block party, and may want to step back.

--Discussion on what the block party stands for and that it should remain focused as a parish fund raiser.

--Discussion on whether to continue with party next year due to construction and inability to use the parking lot. Consensus was to continue with the party.

6.2 Finance Report--Watching 6:00pm mass for collections to be sure sufficient for extra mass time

## 7 Old Business

### 7.1 Faith formation process

-- Upcoming meetings 9/30/08 5:30pm at St. Augustine's cafeteria for all members of finance, parish council and staff

-- The St. Mary's open parish meeting will be Tues, 10/14/08 7:00pm in lower church

-- Meetings are being conducted by Jane Marrin

7.2 Lisa Neu is requesting a volunteer for bimonthly faith formation meetings. They will be the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm. Sheila Reineke volunteered to fill this commitment.

## 8. New Business

8.1 Outreach for those needing assistance: Fr. Tony is asking for ideas for ways the parish can support the needy of the community. Currently all requestors are asked to contact Catholic Charities, as we as a parish support them. However, it's been brought to our attention that certain funds lack money for Catholic Charities to be able to assist people in a certain area of need. (Ex: \$450,000 budgeted for food, but only a few thousand for the emergency services fund--car, rent, heat, etc).

--Ann Cofell and Peter Donohue have also experienced this issue through their work. It is anticipated to become worse, with winter, economy and other factors.

-- The idea of earmarking our Catholic Charity donation to be used for a certain fund was discussed.

-- Fr. Tony will be presenting this topic to the other parishes as well.

-- Discussion to possibly form a committee with Social Services, Catholic Charities and a council member. Will discuss at next meeting.

### 8.2 Name presented to Fr. Tony and council for the lower church

-- Holy Cross Chapel (church)

-- Benedictian Commons (gathering area)

-- Fr. Tony will research with other parishes and report next month.

8.3 Visioning will be tabled to next month.

9.0 Next Meeting: 7:30pm Tuesday, October 28th

10.0 Suzanne moved to adjourn, Sheila 2nd the motion. Adjournment at 9:00pm.