

Meeting Synopsis - June 20, 2006

Roll call: Voting members present: Maureen McNaughton, Suzanne Owen, Tim Seeman (President), Ed Goering, Vonnie Ibes. Voting members absent: Bill McConnell, Jami Bestgen, Tom Gaetz, Karen Reisdorf. There were not enough voting members present for a quorum. Non-voting members present: Fr. Steve, George Sjogren (business manager). Non-voting members absent: Peter Donohue (trustee), Ann Cofell (trustee).

1. Gathering prayer.
2. **Minutes:** Minutes were accepted by those present. Agenda amended to include fiscal budget for 2006-07 recommended by finance committee. Could not approve because there was not a quorum.
3. **Newly Elected:** Welcome to newly elected members present for an into meeting: Mike Boyle and Deb Castellanos
4. **School:** Fr. Steve reported that the school has hit its projected enrollment for the next school year.
5. **Parish Cluster:** Fr. Steve gave his administrative report. He informed the council of the Cluster Implementation Team (CIT) members and spoke of how the CIT was going to delineate a process by which the councils are to be involved in the process of making decisions regarding Mass time, staffing and the like as we move into the 3 parish cluster with St. Augustine's and Newman Center. There is much that is as of yet not known. Fr. Steve gave the council members one sheet that informs them of church size, seating capacity, weekend mass times and the ones with most people, as well as a sheet that gives a five-year report for all three parishes regarding enrollment, budgets/income, numbers of baptism, confirmations, first communions, weddings, deaths and funerals. These sheets will help the CIT discuss recommendations for Mass time changes. More will be coming
6. **Election of Officers:** Election of officers was postponed. Did not have a quorum.
7. **Budget:** The balanced budget for the upcoming fiscal year beginning July 1 recommended by the finance committee was reviewed. Based upon total receipts of \$761,640 (\$508,750.0 of which is budgeted receipts from the offering envelopes and loose collection on weekends and feast days), it is expected that the expenditures will be the same barring any unforeseen circumstances. Council could not vote since there was no quorum.....but said it looked well done and in order.
8. **Faith Formation:** Fr. Steve reported that St. Mary's will join many parishes in the Diocese in a four-year renew process called "Why Catholic?" It begins in the spring. The adult formation sessions will be held once a month October through January, then "Why Catholic" takes over. It is designed to meet both in homes and in parish facilities. But most of it is home-based small group in orientation.
9. **Social and Parish Life Committees:** Suzanne Owen reported on the upcoming July 12 Chili Cook-Off. The council complimented both the social committee and the parish life committee for their service. It was recommended that both groups meet to evaluate and plan for the coming year.
10. **ISAIAH/GRIP:** Maureen McNaughton reported on ISAIAH/GRIP's "Mind the Gap" program that recognizes the growing gap between those who have and the many more who have not. It brings together businesses that also see this trend to look for local solutions that bring health to the city and area.
11. **Vision 2000:** It is estimated that porcelain tile with "Detra" underlay will come to about \$114,000 for the lower church. We have a total of \$190,000 with which to work to finish the crypt: remove the two walls that separate the chapel from the gathering area and construct five movable walls to replace the static wall so the lower area can be opened up for more chapel seating or for major receptions such as after Christ Mass. Fr. Steve believes that a simplified Blessed Sacrament chapel plan is very do-able and that we can move ahead this year. More info coming.

