

Meeting Synopsis - March 20, 2007

Present: Deb Catellanos, Mike Boyle, Joanne Harguth, Marie Kigin, Suzanne Owen, Tom Gaetz (president), Karen Reisdorf, Vonnice Ibes. **Excused:** Ann Cofell (non-voting), Tim Seeman. **Present, but non-voting:** Peter Donohue (trustee), Fr. Steve Binsfeld (rector).

1. Fr. Steve reported that the elementary school hopes to soon reach its projected enrollment for next year of 143 students.
2. Fr. Steve reported that he visited his new parish. Both new priests for Saint Mary's Cathedral will live in the rectory's third floor. Fr. Thomas' farewell was set for Thursday, April 26 at 7:00 PM.
3. The council was grateful for Fr. Steve's constant flow of information as the process of clustering was taking place and all through this transition. It is important that all are informed. Conversation ensued about the dissatisfaction in some parishes about Mass times. Fr. Steve expressed his hope that the new pastors not jump to change schedules to accommodate those unhappy currently, but stay with it for awhile to discern what works and what changes are needed with fewer priests. People still grieve loss of the 6:00 PM Mass here.
4. Tom Gaetz asked for an ad hoc committee to plan Fr. Steve's farewell on June 24. They will talk more about that at the April meeting.
5. Parish elections were discussed. Going off the council is Marie Kigin (who replaced Ed Goering), Joanne Harguth (who replaced Jami Bestgen), and Tim Seeman. Tom will run the election on Sunday and needs help to tally.
6. The parish web site was discussed. Fr. Steve will invite David Mohs and Nathan Owen-Block to the April 17 meeting, which is at 7:00 PM.
7. Fr. Steve said that that Deacon Leo will be celebrating his 25th Anniversary on June 3 at the 9:45 Mass. He would like the parish to assist with luncheon following the Mass. The social/parish life committees will be contacted as well as Jeannie Kirchner.
8. Finance Committee reported that we are \$10,000 under budget for expected envelope contributions at this time in the year.
9. Fr. Steve reported that John Wocken, Jeff Meemken and Dick Jessen are working as a team to act as MC's for major parish liturgies--such as Holy Week. Fr. Steve is providing all the scripts for movement and texts on Word documents and will be working with them over the next months.
10. Vision 2000 crypt basement project will be underway shortly. Tom Getz presented his plan for an iron undercarriage for the seven five-foot walls. We have approximately \$150,000 remainign from the capital campaign for this project.
11. The next meeting is April 17 at 7:00 PM (not 7:30 PM).