

Mary Queen of Peace
Interim Parish Advisory Committee
Minutes
April 23, 2015

Members Present:

Dan Hunt, Barb Timm, Nicole baker, Mike Haben, Norb Zahler, Marc Macke, Robin Hemmesch, Cathy Kornovich, Mary LeClaire Wade Lovelette, Christ Rickert, Father Kaluza

Members Absent:

None

Also Present:

Mike Gerard

Meeting opened with prayer at 6:35pm

Minutes were approved

Ministry Updates:

Nicole (CCW) - CCW met Tuesday, April 7th. The meeting had the best attendance ever. Father Kaluza announced it from the pulpit and encouraged women to attend, which is being credited for the attendance. Upcoming items for CCW - CCW has pledged financial support to the auction and will be handing out flowers for Mother's Day.

Mike (Knights of Columbus) - Knights recently hosted a food drive for CROSS. They collected 202 lbs of food and donated \$1,733.00. Knights are now planning a spring and fall food drive.

The annual Tootsie roll drive is this weekend. Knights will be at various area businesses all weekend and at all Masses at Mary Queen of Peace. Money collected will be donated to various organizations to help the mentally and physically handicapped.

The Knights recently purchased six wheelchairs: one wheel chair was donated for each of our churches, one was donated to our Catholic school, one was donated to a parishioner's spouse and two were donated to the University of Minnesota Children's Hospital.

Charles Dehn will be the new Grand Knight for our council beginning June 1st.

Norb (Building & Grounds) - Site plan for the parking lot expansion has been finalized and is scheduled to begin in June. The ground work is being done by Hassan Sand & Gravel via their campaign pledge. There has been an announcement in the bulletin for the past several weeks asking for volunteers for the building committee. There are currently 11 volunteers. Their job will be to assess the current building plan to discern if the plan still meets our current needs, visit other parishes who have recently built additions and finally, discern a possible new plan for our future building.

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Robin & Marc - (School) - This year the Gala profits total \$50,578; the Catholic United Financial Raffle totaled \$13,160. Even though there are fewer students, these fundraisers increased 35% this year over last year.

The MQP golf tournament will be Monday, June 15th. The committee is currently seeking sponsorships, items for the silent auction and cash donations. There will be a dinner following the golf tournament. People are encouraged to attend the dinner even if you don't golf.

Mary - (CCD) - CCD board meeting has not met recently. Confirmation is scheduled on April 26th at the Basilica. First Communion is the weekend of May 2nd & 3rd. Religious education classes ended this past week for this school year.

Cathy (Parish Directory) - more volunteers will be needed to help the days pictures are being taken. Pictures are also requested of various parish events to add to the directory prior to printing. Signups for the portrait sessions will begin the first weekend in May. Signups can be done online which means wifi would be needed in both churches to allow parishioners to sign up online after the weekend Masses. St. Walburga does not currently have wifi unless the signal from the rectory reaches the church. Norb will be working with Daryl Sweet to complete wifi in St. Martin Church.

Mary & Mike - (Auction) Both have attended recent auction meetings. Meetings appear to be well attended with planning moving along well.

Father Kaluza presented a packet of seeds Our Lady of the Prairie in Belle Plaine gave out to parishioners and visitors. The packet of seeds has the parish logo with the saying "Come Grow With Us." The interim advisory committee liked the idea and since CCW was going to give out flowers Mother's Day weekend anyway, they have decided to order these packets with our logo and give them out instead.

St. Martin Bells:

The bells at St. Martin haven't worked for years. We have had a rep from Verdin Church Bells investigate the problem. The hammer that hits the bells when they swing needs to be replaced as well as the control board since it is so old. Total cost of this project is approximately \$10,000. This item appeared on a previous handout to parishioners for items they could donate toward. No money to date has been donated.

Kitchen Remodel:

Discussion ensued regarding the kitchen in the rectory. It is outdated and Father Kaluza would like it remodeled. Some of the committee members questioned if a remodel was fiscally responsible due to the fact we will be reducing staff at school and have added a fundraiser this year (auction) due to a projected loss for the parish for this fiscal year. In addition, the council suggested we take the time to complete a 5 year, 10 year and 20 year plan to help discern how long we will continue to operate Mary Queen of Peace with two campuses. The council was not in favor of moving forward with this remodel at this time. The remodel is currently scheduled to begin this summer.

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Mission Statement:

Chris presented a hard copy of a possible mission statement for Mary Queen of Peace. Committee members are asked to review it over the next month and be prepared to discuss and finalize at the next meeting.

Mike Gerard:

Mike presented a letter that will be sent to all school parents. This letter outlines a voucher program from Allentown, Pennsylvania which has proven to be successful. The program offers a first year \$1,000 discount to parents who transfer their child to Mary Queen of Peace with \$500 the second year. It also offers current MQP parents a \$250 discount per year for each child/family they recruit to Mary Queen of Peace Catholic school. The committee agreed it is worth trying the voucher program to help increase enrollment.

Next meeting will be Thursday, May 14th at 6:30pm in the Conference room.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Lutgen