

## OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL

### Parish Council Meeting

October 22, 2008

**Present:** Fr. Walter J. Ptak, M. Cerulla (Administration), C. Niewiarowski (At large), B. Van Boxell (Holy Name), J. Nasarzewski (At large), J. Crider (At large), T. Scanlon (Principal), Sister Virginia (Pastoral), P. Prygocki (Altar), A. Adamski (Ushers), D. Bloomfield (Education), A., Costello (At large)

**Absent:** J. Courtright (Rosary)

**Visitors:** Mary Nasarzewski, Joan Nasarzewski, Judy Kunciatas, Bob Gotz, Mark Zeilman

#### Meeting opened with a prayer

Minutes of **September 29, 2008** accepted as corrected.

**Discussion of minutes** – John Nasarzewski stated that details of the Technology Plan should be put in the bulletin and that more detail be recorded in the minutes. Allison Costello asked what happened with the Science Lab proposal sent to the Administration Commission. Father stated “Mute point” as there isn’t any money to proceed with.

**Visitors** - M. Nasarzewski brought copies of the *Constitution on Sacred Liturgy*. She discussed the use of instruments used at Mass.

**Offertory Increase Program:** Due to a computer glitch, we are one week behind of schedule. It should be wrapped up in the next two weeks. The offertory has increased but we don’t know the percentage as of yet.

**New Business:** John Nasarzewski discussed changes for the bulletin. Father stated John should submit the column he proposed.

**School Advisory Committee:** Principal Scanlon stated this is a Consultative Board with direction have been given by the Archdiocese of Detroit. Actual school administration is up to Father and Principal Scanlon. The board should be large enough for input. Criteria for members: Active Catholic (not necessarily Parishioner), must commit to time, they will accept the new school model of an educational institution from kindergarten through twelfth grade. Three people have accepted this position and we are waiting to hear from more. More details to follow.

**Vicariate Meeting:** Thursday 11-20, 7:00 P.M. at Arnoldo’s. M. Cerulla and T. Scanlon will attend. Anyone else interested should contact Mary.

**Organist:** Father has been actively interviewing many applicants.

**Open Forum:** Brian VanBoxell stated that the Holy Name Society will purchase a Defibrillator for the Church. John Nasarzewski asked if minutes could be e-mailed. Jim Crider suggested that letters be sent to members of the closed Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church in Detroit. Debbie Bloomfield asked that donations be given to Proposal 2. She also encouraged people to stand in front of the abortion clinic. 40 days of life is ending 11-2-08, 7:00 P.M. A candle light procession will take place from St. Pius Church to the clinic. Spiritual Bouquet Cards (Christmas Novena) will be available this year with the hope of raising money to create a Niche to display our “Miraculous Cloth” that survived the fire. Father stated that the advantage of the Christmas Novena was twofold: a spiritual benefit for parishioners and material benefit for the Parish. Eight people are attending RCIA classes. Three are preparing for sacraments. Sister Virginia explained that the Felician Sisters would announce soon about the closing of some of their houses. There will be one main Province and two regional.

**Closing prayer**