

Parish Council Meeting
October 28, 2009

Present: Father Ptak, M. Cerulla-Administration, C. Niewiarowski-At large, B. Van Boxell-Holy Name, J. Crider-At large, T. Scanlon-Principal, A.,Costello-At large, J Nasarzewski-At Large, C. Jurzak-Altar, J.Kunciatis-Christian Service

Absent: D. Bloomfield-Education, J. Courtright-Rosary, Sister Virginia-Pastoral , P. Munroe-Vicariate, P. Fabian-Worship, A. Adamski-Ushers

Visitors: None

Meeting opened with a prayer.

Minutes of April 29, 2009 accepted as written.

Open Forum: Christian Services – Judy stated the Giving Tree will not be lit until the 1st Sunday in Advent. Mary advised that a Christian Service Committee has been set up in the school and questioned if they could donate items for nursing homes. Judy indicated that the needs were not that extensive to bring in the schools help. **School Safe environments** – Mary stated that all Parish Council members must have background checks. All the school employees and parent volunteers have already been checked. **The Auction** held annually will now be a joint effort with the schools and the Parish. Allison has volunteered to be the food chairperson. **Education** – Debbie was absent and Allison read her report. The Fashion show had a very disappointing turn out. For the first pot luck (RCIA & Catechism), there were about 30/40 people who attended. Thank you to the Ushers for \$50.00, Holy Name for \$50.00, K of C 1802 for \$100.00 and the Fashion Show for \$500.00 to pay for the speaker Steve Ray. On November 23rd Mother Ryszarda, Superior of Sisters of the Servants of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus will speak about the Sanctity & Dignity of Human Life. The Lighthouse Catholic Media CDs had a great kick off. 217 CDs were sold. The income of \$557.00 was raised for the schools. Christmas Spiritual Gift Cards are available for a \$10.00 donation. The **Vicariate** Report was included in Debbie's letter ... Holy Hour for Priests will be held within 23 parishes. First Holy Hour at OLMC on December 6th. OLMC will host the vicariate meeting here on November 19th at 7:00 p.m.

PHYSICAL PLANT UPDATE: Father stated that the garage is up and we are just finishing some trim work. The cost was approximately twenty thousand dollars. We bought all the material; our own volunteer workers provided the labor. There is work being done on the HS building above the third floor. We are replacing the lintels above the windows because they have disintegrated on the south and east side of bldg. The cost is approximately \$25,000.00. The corners were damaged by the old antenna. The grade school roof is failing – has to be replaced. One section was picked up by the wind. We are trying to collect insurance money for it. The fans in all the classes and social room were donated by the PTG.

Auction: Father informed the council that the school groups hosting the Auction have done an excellent job in the past but in order to achieve the most potential from this project we will involve the whole parish. It will be a joint effort and joint profit. We will move out of PRCU and look for a much larger venue. It is tentatively scheduled for Feb. 6.

110 Anniversary: Father requested suggestions on what can be done to celebrate this anniversary. Suggestions: All parishioners who have been ordained as a priest be invited back for a Mass and dinner, Men's/women's retreat (bring in speakers), and/or run a Parish Mission perhaps in the fall. This will be brought back to January meeting.

Roundtable: Jim Crider asked about bringing in St. Vincent drop box to replace existing one. .He emphasized that we need to support the new store located in Lincoln Park . A telethon is scheduled in Dec. **Tim Scanlon** stated there was a retreat planned for 7th , 8th , 9th & 10th Graders in Nov. The 11th & 12th Grade Retreat will be in December. MI Interfaith Power & Light did an audit here. ABC Warehouse will give 15% off energy saving appliances for parishioners. **Cheryl** advised council that the Altar Society has had 6 candlesticks and 2 standing candelabras re-plated with gold costing \$3000. A jewelry making fund raiser will be held Dec. 6 in conjunction with the St. Nicolas breakfast. A letter was received in regards to the actual cloister of Parishes. St. Stans and Mt Carmel will have one pastor, Father Ptak. St. Pats, St. Elizabeth & St. Joe will have one Pastor. There has been renewed talks with Wyandotte Catholic and Mt. Carmel so that Catholic education will be viable.

Meeting closed with a prayer