

HOLY FAMILY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – April 22, 2009

PRESENT: Father Dennis, Phil Behling, Mike Lynett, Mike Beuche, Harriet Lazinski, Dave Schulz, Pam Ringsred, Paula Hogan, Claire Wycklendt, Penny Kelsey, Kevin Long, Tom Gaeta, Father Robert, Lucia Korom, Mark Hirschmann , plus several other parishioners.

ABSENT: None

HOUSEKEEPING: 6/14 hospitality by Phil B and Mike L, thank you notes assigned, March 25th 2009 minutes approved, and Mike L explained role of Parish Council & process leading up to 5/27 discernment, .new assignments and officer selection at 6/17 meeting.

MEET THE STAFF: Greg Kelsch Parish Volunteer Coordinator & Administrative

Assistant: Greg reviewed his various ministries in the parish, noting that this work has expanded beyond the scheduled 10/wk as administrative assistant and 15 hour/week as parish volunteer coordinator. Upcoming community building events include Mother's Day Brunch and a parish retreat in September. When asked, Greg offered the opinion that there is always more room for growth in terms of Holy Family as a spiritual community and he would love to see, for example, more retreats and nights of reflection.

SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE: Father Dennis confirmed that the summer Mass schedule will remain as usual at Holy Family, 4:30 Sat and 8am and 10 am on Sunday, complemented by the St. Robert's summer schedule of 4:30 Sat and 9:00 and 5:30 on Sunday. Masses for both parishes will be listed in our bulletin.

2008-2009 PARISH COUNCIL GOALS: *Stewardship committee* meets next on 5/3 and appears to have good membership growth. The *Evangelization* committee in collaboration with St. Robert's is still on hold likely until autumn. *FIOF Campaign* no news. *Shared Pastor Arrangement:* no news. *Mass Attendance:* Council suggestions will be considered by P&W, with report of their opinion back to the Council perhaps as early as June but possibly later.

FORMATION DISCUSSION OF THE HOLY LONGING: Dave S. led a discussion on Chapter 6. Mark H will lead discussion on Chapter 7 at next meeting.

FINANCE UPDATE: *Audit:* It is not yet complete for the prior year. A member of the audit firm will be asked to present findings to the Council at the next meeting. *Staff Compensation:* 2%/year across the board increase deferred to December review with possibility for retroactive adjustment if finances permit. Step increases will be made. *Finances:* Trustee Kevin L presented cash flow data suggesting a large cash deficit for the current fiscal year, plus decreasing reserves and a continued downward trend in stewardship dollars. FIOF funds will be a welcome source of payment for FIOF planned expenditures. *Trustee Election:* Kevin Long will continue as trustee since his candidacy is unopposed.

PRESENTATION ON GREEN PARISHES: Mike B described how we are keeping up with trends in energy efficiency as best as our budget allows.

COMMITTEE LIAISON UPDATES: P&W is comparing its activities with the Archdiocesan description of its role and is recruiting new members and preparing for upcoming special Masses. RE is planning the 8th Grade Transition Ceremony at the 5/2 Mass, where the children's choir will make its debut. *Adult Formation* is recessed until autumn. *Sch Bd* reports that: the Smart boards are a big success. *Bldg & Grds* reports that the McCormick hall floor is stripped and rewaxed.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Father Dennis requested maintenance staff to prepare a list of maintenance projects separated into must-do versus can-be-deferred categories. Please see attached report. Father Dennis confirms that the Archdiocese has projected a clear decrease in priests in the Milwaukee area in the next few years.

Respectfully submitted,
Paula Hogan

BLURB FOR THE BULLETIN:

The Parish Council prepared for the upcoming discernment of new members on May 27 and also discussed parish finances, energy efficiency within the parish, and the summer Mass schedule. Greg Kelsch, Parish Volunteer Coordinator and Administrative Assistance described his ministries within the parish. In addition, the Council discussed Chapter 7 of *The Holy Longing* and heard several committee reports.