

**St Mary's Pastoral Council Minutes**  
**St Mary's Parish Center**  
**March 3, 2010**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Juanita Cushing

Moment of Silence to reflect on the Presence of the Lord

**OPENING PRAYER:** Fritz Schafer

**ROLL CALL** – Recording Secretary Cathy Evanoff

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:** George Lovensheimer, Joan D'Antoni, Steve Burkhardt

**SPIRITUAL READING, REFLECTION AND FAITH SHARING:** Fritz Shafer shared a reading from Mark 1. Discussion followed.

**READING OF THE RULE OF THE PASTORAL COUNCIL CONSTITUTION-** Article X – Laura Corcoran

**APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY MINUTES** – Minutes approved.

**CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS** – Juanita said this is will probably be her last meeting since she is having surgery in April. She thanked everyone for their help and said she had enjoyed serving as Chairman.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**EDUCATION:** Laura Corcoran reported the Dinner Auction will be held April 17<sup>th</sup>. The theme is “A Chinese New Year”. Tickets are \$40.00 each. It is our major fundraiser this year and we are really looking forward to this exciting event. St. Mary's has two students who won awards in the Kroger “I Am Making History” writing contest. Anna DeGarmo and Cassidy Corcoran are being recognized this weekend. We have 16 students who are attending District Science Fair this weekend at OU. We are very proud of them and look forward to hearing their of accomplishments. We have a large amount of student artwork on display at the Pump House this month. They will be picking the best artwork and there is a people's choice award – so stop in and vote. Gabby Lapurga will be recognized at the Ohio Art Education Association for designing the state flag for the association. The flag will fly over the National Art Education Association in Baltimore, Maryland. Carly McCloy, Nina Williams, and Audrey Huggins will also be recognized as they have art that was chosen for display. We are getting a new sound system installed thanks to the generosity of St. Mary's and several alumni. We plan to get this project started at the end of March. The fish fry continues through the end of March. Potato salad is back by popular demand! Join us for this great community event/fundraiser. All proceeds benefit the junior high class trip to New York City.

**SOCIAL CONCERNS:** St. Vincent de Paul saw 97 adults, 79 children, 70 visits. Expenditures were food \$555.00, utilities \$1043.01, housing \$150.00, transportation \$80.00, medical \$27.33, Other \$160,00 for a total of \$2015.34.

**ADENA HEALTH SYSTEM REPORT:** Steve Burkhardt updated Council on the Adena Health System.

**FAMILY LIFE:** Karen Leeth reported the annual Father/Son Breakfast was held on Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup>. Bryan Wickline and John Wend. of the Chillicothe Paints Baseball Club were the Guest speakers. The men of the parish enjoyed a great presentation, wonderful prizes and of course a delicious breakfast. We hope to see you there again next year. First Communion will be held on Saturday, March 27 at 11:00. We will hold a small reception after the First Communion Mass in the Family Life Center. Congratulations to those children as they join our parish to share in the body and blood of Christ. We finish our winter activities and will move into spring and the

celebration of Easter. We will host two receptions during Holy Week, Tuesday and Wednesday in the Family Life Center. Light hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be served, so please come over and join us.

If you are interested in helping the Lazarus committee or just provide meals for the bereavement luncheons please contact Marvin Riley at 775-3098 or Karen Leeth at [leethfamily@roadrunner.com](mailto:leethfamily@roadrunner.com). Food is always welcome.

**FINANCE COUNCIL:** Mike Haller reported that Bishop Flaget Principal Laura Corcoran requested that the Council consider a contribution for a new speaker system at the school. Prior bids were close to \$25,000. Their current bid was for \$12,000. She has applied to the Diocese and other organizations, but has been denied grants. Council approved a one time grant of up to \$10,000 for the system, depending on St. Peter's contribution. Joan D'Antoni presented the current financials. It was noted that we are well ahead of budget in Offertory and well below budget in utilities. Mike has spoken to John Freytag. He will attend the April 6<sup>th</sup> meeting with a presentation of their work to date. Council will begin the budget review process in April. Steve Burkhardt will sit in on early discussions as he will take over as First Officer in July. Any questions please contact Mike, Joan or Fr. Hummer

**PASTOR'S REPORT:** Father Hummer reported there will be 12 peace walkers coming through Chillicothe from Oakridge, Tennessee, to the United Nation protesting the nuclear plants. He has allowed them to sleep in the Parish Center and they will be attend the BAA annual appeal kickoff dinner with the Bishop at the Family Life Center Wednesday March 10. He also informed Council that the Presbyteral (Priests) gave tacit approval of 1% additional tax on parish income, after an inquiry had been made by some in Columbus about a need for an increase to support diocesan charities work, mostly for Franklin County. This vote was against a majority opinion of the priests of the diocese who opposed this increase. It appears likely the Bishop will accept this increase with no accountability by Catholic Charities to the people of the diocese. Fr. Hummer was very much concerned about this decision and shared his concerns with Council.

## **SECRET COLLECTION FOR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

### **MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Fritz Schafer

Next meeting: Wednesday April 7, 2010

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Evanoff, Recording Secretary