

ST. MARY'S PARISH COUNCIL
February 4, 2008

Present: Joel Fritz, Chairperson, Fr. Charlie, Jeanne Kelly, Joanne Koviak, Dottie Knechtges, Joe Kuebler, Mike Moore, Matt St. Marie, and Dave Stillwell.

Joel Fritz called the meeting to order at 8:02 p.m. Fr. Charlie led the opening prayer.

The first item of business concerned the Towne Hall meeting which will be held on February 17. Fr. Charlie will present to parishioners several proposals for building repairs and maintenance to the Guardian Angel and Marian school buildings. He will also address questions and concerns with regard to the school enrollment and our finances.

Fr. Charlie stated that we will then have a gathering of representatives from Parish Council, Finance Council, and our committees and commissions to review and evaluate the input from the Towne Hall meeting. This will enable us to determine the future direction that our Parish should undertake. After discussion, it was agreed that this meeting will take place on Saturday, March 8, 2008 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Fr. Charlie distributed information concerning the Elyria cluster priorities established by Bishop Lennon. There followed a discussion concerning our goals in conjunction with the other Catholic parishes.

There was a lengthy discussion concerning the possibility of centralized fundraising versus random fundraising, including an option to hire an individual to monitor all fundraising activities. There was a discussion concerning attendance for the last several years at the Heart's Desire Dinner Dances and the possibility of taking a different approach for the date and type of dinner dance in order to increase attendance.

The meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m. and closed with the Lord's Prayer. Our next meeting will be held on Monday, March 3, 2008, at 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Center Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne M. Kelly,
Recording Secretary