

ST. MARY'S PARISH COUNCIL
March 3, 2008

Present: Matt St. Marie, Vice Chairperson, Fr. Charlie, Jeanne Kelly, Joanne Koviak, Dottie Knechtges, and Dave Stillwell.

Matt St. Marie called the meeting to order at 8:10 p.m. Fr. Charlie led the opening prayer.

There was a discussion concerning the Towne Hall meeting held February 17. We discussed the attendance and general feedback from the meeting concerning the proposals for building repairs and maintenance to the Guardian Angel and Marian school buildings. Council members were encouraged to solicit thoughts and feelings from parishioners regarding how we might raise the necessary funds for these repairs. There was a lengthy discussion concerning our financial situation. Fr. Charlie also indicated that enrollment for the coming school year has been increasing.

The gathering of representatives from Parish Council, Finance Council, and our committees and commissions to review and evaluate the input from the Towne Hall meeting will take place on Saturday, March 8, 2008 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. At that time, the Elyria Cluster will be announced. There was a lengthy discussion concerning the cluster priorities, differences between merging and closing parishes and how assets and liabilities of parishes are divided.

The next discussion concerned fundraising. Fr. Charlie announced that Anne Cunningham has been hired in a part time paid position to coordinate and monitor all fundraising and volunteer support for the Parish.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m. and closed with a prayer led by Fr. Charlie. Our next meeting will be held on Monday, April 7, 2008, at 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Center Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne M. Kelly,
Recording Secretary