

ST. MARY'S PARISH COUNCIL
June 8, 2009

Present: Father Charlie, Joel Fritz, Chairperson, Stephanie Forthofer, Dan Humphrey, Jeanne Kelly, Dottie Knechtges, Joanne Koviak, Mike Moore and Matt St. Marie.

Excused: Joe Kuebler.

Joel called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. Fr. Charlie led us in prayer.

Fr. Charlie presented a cluster report and furnished a handout to Council members concerning the Vision for Catholic Education in Elyria. There was a lengthy discussion concerning the school. Fr. Charlie indicated that interviews have been conducted for the position of a youth minister and we are hoping to have someone in place by July 1.

Joel reported that the planning is going very well for the Parish Festival to be held on Sunday, August 16 from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. We are hoping to have the Festival outside, weather permitting. We are still in need of assistance for the set up and tear down. Anyone interested in assisting on the Festival should contact the Parish office.

The next item of business concerned a joint meeting for all councils and commissions. After discussion, we agreed to schedule a joint evening retreat for Monday, September 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the Weigand Room. All councils and commissions will meet together for one hour to discuss development and direction of the Parish, followed by each individual groups' meeting at 8:00 p.m. Joel will meet with Debbie Conner to set the agenda for the joint meeting.

The final item of business concerned the upcoming vacancies of Council Members. Mike Moore left the meeting at this time. There followed a discernment session by the current Council members. After discussion, the nominees selected for the three open vacancies were Maria Alfano Cooper, Dale Davies and Mike Moore. There was a brief discussion concerning recruitment of new members for next year.

Joanne Koviak was presented with a plaque for her 15 years of service to Parish Council. All Council members extended their thanks to Joanne.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m. and closed with the Lord's Prayer. Our next meeting will be held on Monday, September 14, 2009, at 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Center Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne M. Kelly,
Recording Secretary