

**Our Lady Of Loretto
Parish Council Minutes
April 21, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 by Elizabeth Danko

In attendance: Lori Sosnowski, Sister Margretta, Father Ralph, E. Danko, Mike Miville, Murray Muscat, Jim Feldt, Jeanette Grabowski, Sandie Brown, Pat Orr, Kathy Vena, Wendy Dougherty

Absent@excused: Jeff Sheeran, Kathleen Moisan, Gwen Gonzalez, Renee Coulter, Berta Nakagawa

Opening prayer was led by E. Danko

A motion to approve the March minutes (with revision of Sandie Brown being an excused absence) was made by Wendy Dougherty and 2nd by Murray Muscat.

Pastors Report: Father reported that fish fry profited about \$21,000 and gave thanks to all who participated. Our CSA target was reduced this year by \$6800.. Current target is \$34,941. Instead of a taped appeal, Father has asked Murray to speak at all masses the weekend of April 25/26, concerning our pledges. First Communion will be held May 3rd at 9:00 & 11:00 masses.

The parish budget is due May 15th. Father is hopeful that our new lease will be signed prior to this date, and that the rental income can be reflected in this budget. He suggested that this income be targeted as a parish savings.

The budget will be presented to us at our next meeting.

The parish council nominating committee should gather names prior to next meeting. A summary will be available in this week's bulletin. Father has met with Father Yost, and was informed that the Deaf Community would prefer not to change their place & time of worship. A classroom at the south end of the education building will remain available to them as a chapel. Our St. Genevieve CYO lease expires 6/30, and we will not be renewing.

Christian Service: Sandie Brown reported attendance at the Village of Redford gathering was down, but the cookies & treats were well received. Lenten Soup was very successful, our compliments to the soup chef! 15 baskets were packed for Easter. We visit St. Leos May 2nd, and a baby shower is planned in May. Date TBA.

Education: Pat Orr reported that they have been having short meetings, as few people have been attending this commission. A proposal by Ann Lusch concerning the National Writing Campaign is being supported by education. More info and dates to be determined. Brochures are completed for Time, Talent & Treasure.

A discussion ensued on the objective of this group, and how to renew involvement in this commission. This discussion was tabled until the May meeting, when we will again brainstorm new ideas. Kudos to those who continue to work so hard.

Worship: Jim Feldt reported the May Crowning will take place following First Communions. The Legion of Mary will conduct Rosaries each day of May at 9am.

They will be held outside at the Statue of Mary, weather permitting, otherwise in church.

Stewardship: Murray Muscat reported that the commission approved the VBS fundraiser. Our future education tenant has been accepting bids for work on the school. The budget was reviewed, and there was a concern that the utilities were understated. There was a general consensus of agreement that rental income should go into a parish savings. The floor covering committee will soon be scheduling a meeting. The memorial garden will be addressed at the May meeting. Father then suggested that a point person be entrusted with overseeing all work being planned within the church. After a brief discussion, J. Grabowski suggested a project manager to oversee the entire operation. Father will look at possible candidates within our parish, and a meeting with the floor committee will be called to finalize all plans and estimates.

Vicariate: Mike Miville reported the meeting had been cancelled due to absenteeism.

Disabilities: Wendy had nothing to report. This position will be open next year.

Old business: The nominating committee will seek people to fill vacant positions.

New business: The old & new members of parish council will meet at the rectory on the second Tuesday of July for a barbecue. At our next meeting we will address the needs of our educational commission. Sister will look into information/videos previously provided to us.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 with a closing prayer by Wendy Dougherty

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 12th at 7:00pm

*These minutes are not approved and may be revised.
Respectfully submitted by Elizabeth Danko*