

**St. Mark's Parish Council Meeting Minutes      February 26, 2008**  
 (Our next meetings will be on March 25, 2008 at 7 PM.)

**Council Members:**                    \*      **Denotes Clergy/Staff**  
    \*\*     **Denotes Trustees**  
    \*\*\*    **Denotes Officers**

<b>Msgr. William Carton*</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Gary Cademartori***</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Deacon Dennis Saake*</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Tom Hayes</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Frank Prettyman**</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Karen Pappas***</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Nelda Ragan**</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Melissa Rafter</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Peter Abitanto***</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Frank Sharp</b>	<b>Present</b>

**Highlights:**

Msgr. Carton opened the meeting with a prayer. After discussing some anticipated absences for the evening, Karen welcomed and thanked everyone for coming. Karen discussed that Deacon Dennis had requested that the Parish Council review a draft of a letter which could be used to encourage our Parishioners to participate in various fund raising activities for St. Mark's. These included different initiatives being sponsored in cooperation with Foodtown and Commerce Bank. The "direct withdrawal" methods for making church offerings were also discussed. The Council members made some suggestions for minor editing and it was agreed that this letter could and should be mailed to our Parishioners in the near future.

While discussing the upcoming Volunteer and Staff Appreciation Event on April 13, copies of the letters that were sent to the leaders of the St. Mark's Church ministries were distributed and Council members agreed to share responsibility in contacting these leaders in the immediate future to remind them that we need to get their lists of invitees soon (by March 3). Karen will prepare the letter of invitation that will be sent out to all invitees in early March.

A copy of the letter that was sent to the leaders of all ministries regarding the additional information we'd like documented on St. Mark's website was also distributed to Council members, who agreed to share responsibility in contacting the various leaders on this topic as well, to encourage and help them gather the information from existing materials in the coming weeks.

Some Parishioner feedback on the Bulletin and the music during Masses was introduced which will be discussed further by Monsignor with Parish Staff members. After discussion, it was agreed that the leaders of St. Mark's Youth Groups would be invited to a future Council meeting, most likely after the April 13 Parish Appreciation event, because the Council will have much work to do at the March meeting.

Action Items from Feb. 26, 2008 Meeting:

1. Get suggestions for agenda items for our meetings to Karen by the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month to allow sufficient time for review, approval and distribution of the package one week prior to each meeting. Responsibility: All Members.
2. Check on the various Diocesan sponsored publications, meetings, workshops, etc. and report on those of potential interest. Responsibility: Nelda.
3. Work with Joanne Gibson to have the contents of St. Mark's Diocesan Library listed on the website. Responsibility: Deacon Dennis.
4. Invite the leaders of St. Mark's Youth Groups to a future Council meeting. Responsibility: Karen.
5. Finalize the planned schedule for inviting the heads of certain Ministries to our 2008 Council meetings through Sept. Responsibility: All Members.
6. Think about ways to better operate and utilize our Parish Library. Responsibility: All Members.
7. A committee is needed to help organize our Volunteer and Staff Appreciation event on April 13. Responsibility: All Members.
8. Prepare a letter of invitation for the Volunteer and Staff Appreciation event. Responsibility: Karen
9. Contact the leaders of the various Ministries regarding the invite lists for the Appreciation event and the website information updates. Responsibility: All Members.