

St. Mark's Parish Council Meeting Minutes **March 25, 2008**

(Our next meetings will be on May 27, 2008 at 7 PM.)

Council Members:

- * Denotes Clergy/Staff**
- ** Denotes Trustees**
- *** Denotes Officers**

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

Highlights:

Msgr. Carton opened the meeting with a prayer. After discussing some anticipated member absences from this meeting, Karen welcomed and thanked everyone for coming and started discussions of upcoming Parish events.

The invitations for the April 13 Volunteers and Staff Appreciation Event were sent out last week and about 50 RSVPs have come in so far. It appears that the planning for this event is well-covered and Council Members are available to provide any additional last minute help that may be needed.

The planning for the May 6 open prayer service and Diocesan workshop titled "Caring for the Caregiver, Who Cares for You" was also revisited and the details for this also appear to be in order. With both of these events coming up, the Parish Council meeting in April has been cancelled, and our next meeting will be on May 27.

Monsignor confirmed his planned retirement for the end of August and said that he was very pleased with the state of our Parish and especially with the progress made with our Youth Programs this past year. We are therefore deferring inviting the heads of certain Ministries to our Parish Council meetings this year unless conditions change and the need arises. Monsignor has responded to the request of the Diocese and provided some recommendations to be considered as candidates for our next Pastor.

Progress in expanding our Parish website to provide additional Parish transition documentation was discussed and it was agreed that we should focus on insuring that the largest Ministries are well covered. There is considerable information already posted on St. Mark's website on: Parish Council, Holy Name Society, Religious Education and Music Ministries. Information on Social Concerns has been gathered and will be incorporated and information on our Youth Group and Hispanic Ministry activities is still needed.

Action Items from the March 25, 2008 Meeting:

1. Get suggestions for agenda items for our meetings to Karen by the 10th 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. Think about ways to better operate and utilize our Parish Library. Responsibility: All Members.
5. Work with the leaders of the various Ministries regarding website information updates. Responsibility: All Members.