

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD  
JANUARY 2, 2008**

Fr. Bill Medley  
Kevin Mieczkowski, Chairman  
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David Such  
Richard Vuturo  
Tina LaTulippe, Business Manager  
Bob Sugrue, Formation  
David Zorn, Liturgy & Music  
Bill Ferko, Finance Comm.

\*absent

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Kevin at 7:00 p.m.

**Opening Prayer:** Led by Fr. Bill.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the November meeting were approved as corrected.

**Pastor's Report:** Fr. Bill

- Money from the bonds issued will be available by the end of January or early February.
- The architect is now working on the details of the school.
- A rendering of the façade of the Parish Center was passed around. It is a two story building with offices and meeting rooms. A town meeting will be held to show parishioners the plans.
- Formal groundbreaking will probably be in April.
- Hopefully worship services will have to be held in the school gymnasium for only 16 to 18 months before the church is built.
- Parish Council members were asked what they could do to help the congregation accept the merger. Council members hope that once a name is chosen attitudes will change. Discussion followed. Parish Council members are asked to lead the way supporting the changes.
- It was suggested that TOOL and MGC be merged as soon as possible as to finances, parish council, activities, etc. We should start doing things as one community.
- The Worship Committee will discuss using lectors from both parishes at the other's masses.
- It is expected that the new parish will become official on April 8.
- Stewardship Sunday will actually take place over two weekends – the last weekend of January and first week of February. The first Sunday will emphasize the state of the parish. The second Sunday will feature a parishioner speaking about stewardship at all masses at TOOL and MGC. Gary Montgomery, a TV personality and a member of MGC, has volunteered to this.
- After discussion, it was suggested that the changes being made in the church, such as using wafers instead of bread baked by parishioners be explained as changes in the guidelines for the Roman Catholic Church as a whole, not just our church.
- A presentation about MGC's fund raiser and party, A Taste of MGC, will be made one weekend at TOOL and tickets will be available after masses.
- On April 20, 2008, the archdiocese of Louisville will be recognized as one of the churches having a bicentennial by Pope Benedict VI when he is in New York City.
- There will be four tickets available for each parish. A method of distributing these tickets will be determined.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Liturgy & Music:** David Zorn. Report attached.

**Formation:** Bob Sugrue. Report attached.

- About 125 are participating in the GIFT program.
- Middle school participation is up; elementary school participation is down a small percentage.
- The catechists are very enthusiastic.

**Service:** Michelle Schlaud. Report attached.

- It was remarked that there are several opportunities to serve the church in this area.

**Finance:** Bill Ferko. Report attached.

- There is a deficit of about \$8000 less than at the same time last year. It is expected that the deficit will reach \$10,000 for the fiscal year.
- Fr. Bill will meet soon with the archdiocese's comptroller to discuss the finances of both parishes. The finances of both parishes will probably be merged at the start of the fiscal year, July 1, 2008.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Core Committee:** Kevin Mieczkowski

- The committee chose 7 names to put on the website for the new church. These were chosen from 12 or 13 considered.
- Parishioner comments on the names will close on January 13.
- The committee will then pick three names to submit to Archbishop Kurtz.
- Once the name is chosen, Fr. Bill will have a homily on why the name was chosen.

**25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee:** Charles Francesconi - no report

- David Such reported that the party will be held at Harmony Landing Country Club. It will be a buffet dinner.
- Tickets will be sold for a nominal amount.
- Advertising for the celebration on March 30 should begin soon.
- Mass will be celebrated at 3 p.m. by the Archbishop with dinner to follow.
- Kevin will speak to Charles Francesconi about the arrangements.

**By-Laws:**

- The by-law changes typed by Tina were distributed.

**Region IX Meeting:** Barbara Albert

- Everyone is invited to the meeting on Thursday, January 24 from 11:30 to 1:00 at St. Margaret Mary's. The topic will be "Pastoral Care is Everyone's Business."
- Archbishop Kurtz is scheduled to be at the meeting on April 17 from 11:30 to 1:00 p.m. This may be changed because of the celebration in New York City.

**Next meeting:** Wednesday, February 13 because the first Wednesday is Ash Wednesday.

**Closing Prayer:** led by Fr. Bill

**Adjournment:** 8:50 p.m.

Evelyn Becker  
Secretary