

**St. Mary Star of the Sea Catholic
Parish Council Meeting
August 6, 2009**

Meeting commenced at 7:05 pm with an opening prayer by Father Edmund.

Attendees: Chris Thompson, Jesus Salazar, Deacon Wally Shaw, Rebecca Shawver, Steve Melaragno, Earl Landry, Maria Rosa Crossman, Marilyn Saccomanno, Charles Hawkins, and Father Edmund (New members listed, motion passed prior to meeting beginning)

Visitors: Michael Gonzalez, James Saccomanno, Rosemary Bravo.

Absent: Jimmy Salinas, Billy Pena, Arthur Moreno

Minutes: With noted changes, June 11, 2009 meeting minutes were approved with edits (unanimous vote). With noted changes, July 7, 2009 joint meeting with Finance Committee were approved with edits (unanimous vote).

Business:

1. UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE PARISH

- **Parish Cleanup** – Saturday from 8 am to 3pm in preparation for CCE
- **Mass of Celebration** – Sunday at 9:30 am Mass on Sept 6th. Father Edmund's installation will be conducted. All council members should be there. There will be a reception after Mass.
- **Parish Awareness Weekend** will be held either the weekend of October 3-4 or October 10-11.
 - **Theme:** Job Fair for Jesus –Time, talent and treasures. Slogans might include such wording as: "Jesus is Hiring --- Jobs guaranteed. Pay can be collected in heaven."; "Pay is lousy but the benefits are heavenly."; "Put your talents to work. What are YOU good at?" Rosemary Bravo (rosemarybravo@yahoo.com or rbravo@brazosportisd.net) will work on the flyers.
 - **Handouts:**
 - Resumes for each job.
 - Application forms to be completed by interested parishioners for individual jobs.
 - Chris Thompson wants to preview/promote the PAW weekend.
 - Steve Melaragno will be Jesus the Carpenter.
 - **Booths**
 - **Stewardship Booth** – Present as a treasure chest and ask parishioners to work for Jesus and St Mary's Church.
 - Will include time, talent and treasure (financial contributions).
 - Will promote attendance at a grant writing workshop.
 - **Parish Council Booth** – Will recruit for a Volunteer Coordinator for Parish Directory, a Layout Coordinator (possibly Melanie Viktorin); a Sign-Up Coordinator (possibly Carolina Luna – to be asked by Steve or Connie Melaragno); a Phone Call Coordinator; and a bilingual person to translate (a paid position).

- Blessing of pets at 11 am (leashed and outside) to be held between Sunday Masses.
- Things to do:
 - Make a list of groups and assign them for calls
 - Ask KoC for food again- Earl and Steve M
 - Booklet – info by middle Sept or not in the book
 - Pens, Oriental Trading “I work for Jesus) Marilyn Saccomanno (trinkets, candy, etc.) \$200 out of petty cash Marilyn and Sr Frances.
 - Booths decorated as occupations needed for Jesus.
 - Marilyn S will ask about borrowing the table cloths.
 - Becki will finish the parish information booklet.
 - Rosemary Bravo will do the flyers (979-233-7495)
 - Ask the KofC to sell the BBQ plates.
 - James Saccomanno will ask the choir to sing.
 - Julia Foote will translate the flyers to Spanish.
 - Father announced that committees and the council will be retained with their current members for one year.

2. ACTIONS & OTHER BUSINESS

- Earl Landry made a motion (that was seconded by Maria Crossman) to postpone the photo Parish Directory until Jan, Feb, or March.
- Marilyn S passed out information on the activities of the Liturgy committee.
- Father asked that we recommend music directors if we know of one.
- Father also said that he is going to ask for a maintenance person from the Finance Committee. He asked that we pray that we find the money.
- Father Edmund appointed Steve M as a member of the Finance Committee.

Meeting was adjourned with a prayer at 8:58 pm.

The next meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, September 3, 2009 at 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Shawver, Recorder

