

## ST. MARTIN'S PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

A joint meeting of St. Martin's Parish Council, Finance Committee and Maintenance Committee was held on Thursday, October 8, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria.

**Members present:** Father Anthony Chandler, Regina Bennett, Debbie Foushee, Jerry Lancaster, Roselle Muse, Elaine Vowels, and Deacon John Richard Whelan.

**Members absent:** Melinda Banks, Deacon Bob Caspar, Pam Foushee (Chairperson), Nick Powers, Gloria Ritter, Anita Seymour, Daphne Whelan, and Youth Representative.

**Others present:** Finance Committee: Alton Pike and Eddie Hobbs. Maintenance Committee: Ronnie Foushee, Denny Medley, Todd McMahan, Frank Mudd, David Vowels.  
Secretary: Barbara Muncy.

**Opening:** Father opened the meeting at 6:35 p.m. with a prayer. The next parish council meeting will be scheduled at a later date. The minutes from the February, March, June and October meetings will be reviewed at the next meeting.

This meeting is being held to provide information on updating the church. Funding for updating the church will come from the Archdiocesan Capital Campaign which will start in January 2010 for St. Martin's.

The church was last updated in the 1980's. The process is underway to determine what needs to be done. Some of the updates being considered are painting, lighting, carpeting, and refurbishing pews. The largest expense will be repairs to the steeple and tuck pointing on the roof due to recent water damages inside and outside the church.

Father introduced Mark Trier, an architect with JRA Architects in Louisville. He has experience with restoring churches in the Archdiocese. Father Chandler contacted him to help with this project. He shared his proposed changes with photographs and a report which committee members reviewed. He has reviewed old photographs for his proposals. Some of the changes would make the church interior appear similar to that of the 1950's. Areas that need further investigating are the asbestos in the ceiling and insuring that the church structure is sound. Steeple/tuck pointing and lighting estimates were also discussed.

It was noted that the church is on the National Historical Registry and that state funding may be available to assist with some of the expenses. Father will check this out. It will be about a year before the church project begins. Additional reports, estimates and investigative work are needed before a final estimate can be determined. Mr. Trier will be working with Father Chandler to accomplish this and will provide additional photographs of the church downstairs, indicating how windows and lighting will appear. Father Chandler will have the asbestos checked out and contact a structural engineer to check out the church.

Members discussed how Mass would be held during the repairs. Renting chairs will be considered. Mr. Trier estimated two months would be needed to complete the project.

**Old Business:** Father Chandler.

-St. Martin's benchmark amount for the Archdiocesan Capital Campaign is about \$338,000. The parish will keep half of this amount which can be used toward the church updating.

-The parish will celebrate St. Martin of Tours' feast day on Sunday, November 8, beginning with Mass at 11:00 a.m. A potluck meal will follow Mass. Additional information will be placed in the bulletin.

**Closing:** The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. The next meeting will be announced.

Submitted by: Barbara Muncy, Secretary.