

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

April 3, 2006

**PRESENT:** Fr. Dave Ireland, Fr. Ken Jakubowski, Piero Capichioni, Marianne Chordas, Kevin Doles, Mark Geyman, Steve Krajnak, Bob Mapel and Don Schuele

**PRAYER:** Steve Krajnak opened with prayer at 7:05 p.m.

### OLD BUSINESS:

- A) Mark Geyman accepted the minutes with corrections noted and Don Schuele seconded it.
- B) Fr. Ireland and Steve Krajnak spoke about the council election process for May 21, 2006. Two of four members had to leave office in 2006 from the elections of 2003 when we still had geographic area representation. Fr. Ireland noted that he had received a letter from Marianne Chordas stating that she would be unable to stay on Council next year. Marianne will be able to help her husband with the many required projects in the Dianconate 3<sup>rd</sup> year formation classes. Don Schuele decided that he will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> council person not to return after this year, so he and Claire will be able to travel and visit their grandchildren. Discussion followed with how to handle the nominations for 2 openings in 2006. Don and Steve talked about the bio. sheets that the future candidates will need to fill out. Fr. Ken suggested that the marital status be included with the bio. form. Piero suggested that a sponsorship form could be placed in the Church bulletin. A form will be discussed and Fr. Ireland said that it should be specific. Interested parties should be parishioners and in good standing. It is for a 3 year term for each of the two highest vote totals. The council voted to have elections on June 4, 2006.
- C) Steve Krajnak discussed the Arbor Day overview. The Arbor Day Celebration will be held on Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. Twenty to 25 guests, committee members and dignitaries, have been invited and Fr. Ireland has offered to host them and have a reception immediately following after the ceremony at both gazebo's located near the St. Gregory White Oak tree. Fr. Ireland said that Holy Water will be used to Christen the 370 year old tree. Steve asked that Council members please attend if possible.
- D) Marianne Chordas sent Jerry Wisniewski a thank you note for speaking to the Parish Pastoral Council in March.

**Fr. Ireland said that we do not have to submit any Council member for the DPC election on April 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

## **COMMISSION REPORTS AND FINANCE COUNCIL**

- A) Bob Mapel, from Parish Life spoke about the Pot luck dinner held March 25<sup>th</sup> after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. There were approximately 80 people who attended and it was a nice mixture of old and young people.**  
**The Passion movie was shown in March and 12 people attended. Bob announced that this coming Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup> coffee and donuts will be served. Palm Sunday is a difficult Sunday to plan for how many people will attend.**  
**Bob said that the Parish picnic will be June 11<sup>th</sup> and setting up will be on June 10<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed.**  
**Mark Geyman will put a note in the school newsletter and the PFC will be used as it was last year along with the school yard.**  
**Fr. Ireland is most pleased with what this commission is doing.**
- B) In Dave Douglas' absence, Fr. Ireland spoke about Holy Week.**  
**The confession schedule will be in the bulletin. Fr. Ireland said that Alpha is coming to a close this year and hopefully in the fall, Alpha will start again. The spiritual life commission is also looking into a marriage enrichment program which is in the talking stage. The ushers seem to work well together in cohesive groups for the most part, but will have a coordinator appointed in the near future.**  
**Fr. Ireland announced that Eucharistic Adoration will start soon, hopefully a month or so.**  
**The Mass homilies on the liturgy of the Mass have been very well received. Fr. Ireland also set up a lovely memorial shrine in honor of Pope Paul's anniversary of his death.**  
**Fr. Ireland said that the music liturgy is moving along very well. He has heard many good compliments. Michael Seredick, the choir director, will be asked to speak at the Parish Council meeting next month.**
- C) Fr. Ken from social concerns spoke about the speakers bureau that we have here at St. Gregory's. Bishop Pevic spoke in Church to approximately 40 people and graciously took questions.**  
**Fr. Ken announced that on April 26<sup>th</sup> at John Carroll University, Dr. Dan Pepin will speak. Dr. Pepin lives in Florida and teaches in Michigan. This is a free program which will start at 7:00 p.m.**  
**Fr. Ken presented petitions at a town hall meeting in regards to defeat the HB 434. Fr. Ken was very pleased with how many people signed the petition and how many citizens are speaking on their own.**

**There will be a Right to Life fundraising activity. Fr. Ken would like to see more participation for the March for Life next year if the march is necessary.**

**The St. Vincent de Paul Society helped a family with their rent. Fr. Ken said that the St. Vincent de Paul Society has a financial account and will be asking for more donations. Finally, Fr. Ken clarified that**

**The social concerns commission is made up of: Speakers Bureau, Right to Life and Saint Vincent de Paul.**

**D) Kevin Doles, from the finance council said that the security door hardware has been special ordered and within 3 weeks, we should have the hardware installed for Eucharistic Adoration to begin shortly after.**

**Kevin also stated that the Church basement floor tiles are coming up so the entire floor will be replaced this week. An inexpensive floor covering is being considered.**

**School registration for grades K thru 8 have 466 registrations. In the pre-school there are 41 registrations additionally.**

**Kevin said that the entry of new census programs in the computer will begin shortly and this will help the parish staff tremendously.**

**A check should be arriving around June for the sale of the Anderson Rd. property. The development known as Cutters Creek will have its own landscaping and will have their own maintenance program This will be very good for the community.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**A) Home bound Communion organization was brought up by Steve Krajnak. He would like to see it resurrected.**

**Fr. Ireland said that a Priest from St. Gregory's go on the First Friday of every month to give Communion. Fr. Ireland said that he would like to see the extra ordinary ministers take communion to the home bound and this recommendation will be referred to the Spiritual Life Commission.**

**If one of our parishioners is in a nursing home outside our church, the nursing home will call the church that is in that area of that particular nursing home for a priest to visit if requested.**

**There are times that our priests from St. Gregory's are called and will go and visit the parishioners if requested.**

**B) Endowment Trust Meeting was brought up by Fr. Ireland. There will be an endowment trust board meeting on April 10<sup>th</sup>. Fr. said that the talk will be about what possible things to do to generate funds. A committee will be set up to go to visit people. James P. Conway, a fundraiser, will be getting us going on that project.**

**C) Other- There is a Lenten talk at St. Clare Church. Fr. Glenn J. Murray S.J. will speak on Tuesday April 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**

**Meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.**

**NEXT MEETING WILL BE MAY 1, 2006 AT 7:00 P.M.**