

St Mary's Parish Council
Meeting Minutes
January 19, 2010

Attending: Msgr Robert Kinkle, Father Martin Hernandez, Manuel Pilas, Gelasio Velasco, Martin VandeVen, John Hartley, John Molloy, Nick Sordi, Agnes Harakal, Marion Laughlin, Bob Baker

Msgr Bob opened the meeting with a prayer
John Hartley and Nick Sordi were welcomed as new members of the Parish Council
Minutes of the November 10, 2009 minutes were approved.

A recap of the year 2009 was made by the Council. St Mary's Community has made excellent progress in many areas such as improving communications on the liturgy between the Hispanic and Anglo communities, establishing a Women's Guild, Fellowship, developing a strong Religious Education Program, improving financial reporting, solving personnel issues, improving the facilities, etc.

Concerns expressed were the need for bigger facilities to meet the growing needs of Religious Education and the spiritual needs of the Community. Other concerns are how to get more people involved.

Dreams for the future included: continued planning for the growth of the Hispanic community, ways to bring the Hispanic and Anglo communities together more, a new church and space for Religious Education, becoming a vibrant Catholic community that attracts parishioners and is recognized in the community at large, establishment of a vision for St Mary's Community, establishment of a Communion Service on the days Mass is not held, utilizing existing resources within the community at large to facilitate our space issues as a short term solution, increase the Spirituality of St Mary's Community, involve more women and younger adults in the planning and execution of programs for the Community and in Religious Education.

Lenten Services were discussed. The Liturgy Committee will develop times and places for services and e mail the schedule to Council members.

Gelasio reported that he will be obtaining software to use in the Religious Education program. The Confirmation Rehearsal date for Confirmation was set for April 18th.

The net amount raised by the year end fund raising activities was \$19,642.

A sign up calendar for flowers will be placed at the entry to the Church after Easter. A notice will be put in the Church Bulletin to notify people that they can sign up to donate flowers.

A Calendar feature will be added to the Parish web site to permit Parishioners to see what dates are open for meetings, marriages, baptisms, Committee meetings, etc. The Parish

Administrator will coordinate this effort. Adding and deleting dates to the Calendar will be centralized within the Parish office.

The **next Parish Council Meeting** will be held on **Tuesday, February 9, 2010** at the Religious Education building starting at **7 PM**.