

***St. Timothy Parish Council***  
*February 26, 2009*

*In Attendance:* Jim Connors, Father Tim Hayes, Mark Marchese, Gail Wenger, Mary Ballantyne, Laurie Jenny, Tom Rankin, Andy Davis, Mike Foley, Rita Feige, George Cleary

*Pastor's Report:* handout from Fr. Tim, as well as Lent 2009 schedule

*Youth Ministry:* Chris Valentine had developed a newsletter; copy distributed. Chris has accepted a new job to replace his St. Andrew's activities, and is working to achieve a balance in his positions. At the diocese, the director of youth ministry has resigned, and that individual's previous assistant director has assumed interim responsibility. It was noted that youth ministry is more than just numbers of students at meetings; in fact the young people at St. Timothy's are very involved.

*Principal's Report:* George Mosholder was unable to attend; copy of report sent. Some issues in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade are being resolved. It was noted that issues that were formerly high school issues are now being seen/addressed at younger ages. There was a question as to whether results of Terra Nova testing were available yet.

*School Advisory Board:* Bill Miller, report sent

*Board of Finance:* Mike Foley

The board met last Tuesday and examined income and expense reports. The expense side is being managed very well. There is a slight variance with the addition of Dr. Griffin. On the income side, we are down from budget and for year over year figures, but not as much as one might anticipate given the current economic climate, due to the character of parish members and Fr. Tim's involvement. The board is working on different ideas for communication of financial issues to the parish, and is working toward a stewardship model. The monthly interest paid on our debt was formerly more than \$7500; previously, in some months the interest did not get paid. The monthly interest is now down to ~\$2500. Regarding the Capital Campaign, there will be a follow-up meeting with George Gugel. Some parishioners have paid off their pledges and generously continue to contribute to the Capital Campaign. Father noted that there are also many donations of time, labor, and materials; therefore these do not appear as expenses.

*Silent Auction:* Mike Foley

The date is 4/24/09, beginning at 6:30 – 7 pm (pending conversation with Mary Pat Boulware re scheduling the Parish Center). The committee is trying to schedule Dr. Griffin for the entertainment. They are considering heavy hoours d'oevres vs. a buffet; there will be dancing, a reverse raffle, and a live auction. Tickets will be approximately \$35. The raffle will be included in the ticket price. The capacity of the Parish Center is ~500; seated, capacity is ~320. The committee is also trying to reach out to school parents. Publicity will be in the bulletin, as a PDF sent to the school and the parish (from Fr. Tim), and it will be promoted as a jazz fest. The Silent Auction will no longer be held at the Festival; this event generated \$8-10,000, and has the potential for \$30-50,000.

*Maintenance:* Laurie Jenny, Tom Rankin – report sent

The downed trees have been taken care of by insurance and volunteer assistance. George Cleary was present to discuss assessment of the gutters and downspouts on the church and school and replacement of the gutters on the church. Letter and quote made available to Parish Council. It was suggested that it may be possible for the Men's Club to assist with financing. Fr. Tim also reminded members of the grant program from the diocese. Gutter replacement on the church will be tricky and will require professional services. A quote for \$1995 was presented; the material quoted is not copper; to repair the copper would be half the cost of replacement. The copper removed would be credited. A more

difficult task will be relief for the water; it needs to be channeled into the earth, under the asphalt, down the hillside. The need for additional relief for the water, larger pipe, and trenching through the asphalt was discussed.

*Men's Club:* John Davidson – report sent by e-mail

*Religious Education:* Rita Feige – report sent

Rita has a volunteer to assist her with the website, a handbook for catechists, etc. This individual will be credentialed as are other school volunteers (fingerprinting etc).

*Old Business:*

*Constitution:* At the Deanery meeting, it was shared that two other Parish Councils are revamping their constitution (St. Agatha, St. Christopher). The Men's Club recently revised their constitution. Jim requested comments on the version proposed by Jeff Silleck; there was discussion of the need for a separate meeting to address the constitution.

*Festival:* This is Janis Browning's 15<sup>th</sup> year as chair; it was agreed that we need to recognize her efforts.

*New Business:*

*Liturgy Committee* – Deacon Marion Smithberger – report provided

*Deanery Meeting 1/27 and 2/4:* meeting notes provided

*Alumni Directory:* Mary Ballentye

This is progressing as quickly as possible. St Timothy's Facebook page has 40 members; oversight is by Tiffany Valentino.

Meeting adjourned 9:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Gail Wenger