



Parish Council Meeting Minutes

October 6, 2016

Present: Terri Zunis, Jon Axe, Jim Jaskowiak, Annette Linden, Julie Gauvreau, Mark Manning, Don Carmichael, Dan White, Julie Gale, Danielle Scheetz, Vicki Simkovich

Introduction of new members.

Opening Prayer – 7:00 pm

I. Faith Sharing (fifteen minutes – reading was [LK 17:11-19](#) led by Mark Manning).

II. Review and approval of September minutes – reviewed and approved.

III. Discussion Items

A. October Retreat-October 22nd. Meet in Parish Hall first at 8:30 am to 8:45 for mass at 9 am. Will go to chapel for mass. Rick Krivanka will lead our retreat.

i. Planning for the next 10 years at OLQP.

a. Was there a written plan from before the merger in 2006?

b. A mission statement we already have: “We are a Roman Catholic family centered in the Eucharist, rooted in our immigrant traditions since the 1800’s and devoted to our Blessed Mother. Humbly guided by the Holy Spirit, and with the warmth and hospitality that springs from a small community, we seek to share our faith in Jesus Christ through prayer, devotion, education, stewardship, and service to others.”

c. We need to come up with a vision statement for the next 10 years.

ii. Bring goals and objectives for each of the main areas.

a. Evangelization.

b. Ministries/Stewardship. One idea to keep more people involved is we could have an all kids mass.

c. Family.

a. Instead of the annual adult parish picnic, we could have a youth parish picnic and a color run.

b. Could have more than just one event to bring families together.

i. Opportunity just for people to get together outside of church.

ii. Scavenger hunt,

iii. Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

iv. Overnight, go to Skyzone, and other fun things.

1. Three on three basketball tournament.

2. Corn hole.

v. The 22 kids in the Confirmation Class could have a lock in.

1. They could offer free gift wrapping (community service time).



2. Could visit a Corn maze and/or a haunted house.
 3. What would the confirmation class kids find fun?
 - a. Talent show?
 - b. Ski club.
 - c. Parish center for socializing after masses.
 - d. Building (brick and mortar).
 - a. Phase II and III of the construction project.
 - b. Pavilion. Picnic could use this instead of a tent. Could rent pavilion, outdoor grill, wet bar, sound system, electricity.
 - e. Faith/Education.
 - iii. Do a web for the retreat.
 - B. OLQP 10-year anniversary will be October 29th.
 - i. Need 6 council members for the “Living Rosary” on Thursday, October 27th, at 7 pm in the church. Please arrive by 6:30 pm. Terry Zunis, Jim Jaskowiak, Vicki Simkovich, Annette Linden, Julie Gauvreau, and Julie Gale volunteered.
 - ii. The remaining 6 Council members will come to Saturday’s mass to carry banners at 4:30 pm mass. Dan White, Mark Manning, Julie Gauvreau, Jon Axe, Don Carmichael, and Bernadette Gross volunteered.
 - C. Other – Jon Axe, Don Carmichael, Dan White, Daniele Scheetz, Julie Gauvreau, and Jim Jaskowiak need to let Terri Zunis know if we want to be eligible to be nominated for the Vice-Chair position prior to the retreat on Saturday, October 22nd.
- IV. Refreshment Break –
- V. Committee Reports
- A. Finance (Fr. John) –
 - i. We did refinance the mortgage with Westfield who gave us the best rate. Details to follow.
 - ii. During the next month, we will be transferring all of our accounts from Fireman’s Credit Union to Talmer/Chemical in Grafton. Fireman’s is closing their LaGrange branch.
 - B. Building (Fr. John) – Nothing to report.
 - C. Welcoming (Danielle Scheetz) – Nothing to report.
 - D. Pre Cana (Jon Axe) - Nothing to report.
 - E. GGP (Terri Zunis) –
 - i. Old Fashioned Christmas will be planned for next year with the bicentennial in 2017.
 - ii. Information kiosks will be wooden boxes for businesses to put flyers in in Grafton.



- iii. Does OLQP want to be a part of the New Residents' Bag program? If so, the church needs to respond before the next meeting on October 26th.
 - iv. GGP will be instrumental in the Right Track Awards.
 - F. Youth (Julie Gale) – There will be an overnight this weekend. The youth will be collecting donations after mass.
 - G. Festival (Julie Gauvreau) – Nothing to report.
 - H. Parish Organizations
 - i. Holy Name (Mark Manning) – Nothing to report.
 - ii. Knights of Columbus (Dan White) – The next meeting will be on Tuesday October 18th at 7 pm.
 - iii. Prayer Shawl (Bernadette Gross) - Nothing to report.
 - iv. Comfort Caps (Vicki Simkovich) - Nothing to report.
 - v. Ladies Guild (Annette Linden) –
 - a. Ladies Guild had their first start up meeting September 19th.
 - b. We will be sponsoring Haven House again, with only monthly donations from the Guild and donating money. Our first donation was \$500.
 - c. Paid all the bills for the restroom remodel, waiting on a check from the Holy Name for their half of the total bill.
 - vi. Parish Nurse (Bernadette Gross) – Parish Nurse had approximately 50 flu shots given. A great success.
 - vii. Helping Hands (Don Carmichael) – Nothing to report.
- VI. Pastor's Address –
- a. Living Rosary, Thursday, October 27th at 7 pm. Expectation that council members be in attendance.
 - b. Anniversary Mass- 4:30 pm with Bishop Gries – procession to include the banners of each ministry in the parish.
 - c. Social after all the Masses the weekend of October 29th/30th.
 - d. Video of Establishment Mass running in the Gathering Area as well as display of items from last 10 years.
 - e. November 1st - All Saints – Holy Day of Obligation – Masses at 9 am and 7 pm.
 - f. November 2nd – All Souls – Remembering those who have died and especially those from the parish in the past year – mass at 7 pm.
 - g. Stewardship Workshop/Conference – See handout. Will be on Friday, November 11th, from 12:30 pm to 4:30 pm or Saturday, November 12th, from 9 am to 1 pm.
 - h. Faith Formation classes going well – increase in class sizes. We will need to possibly split the classes rather than have two grade levels together for one class. Will need more teachers and class space if we split classes.
 - i. The Clam Bake was cancelled due to low numbers of presale tickets purchased.
 - j. Kielbasa Dinner on November 5th is open to everyone. It is no longer a Stag dinner.
 - k. Ladies Night Out – November 12th – sold out before the 3rd mass of the first weekend of sales.



VII. Items for November Agenda –the next Faith Sharing leader will be Jon Axe.
Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.
Jim Jaskowiak, Secretary