



Parish Council Meeting Minutes

November 9, 2016

Present: Jon Axe, Mark Manning, Jim Jaskowiak, Bernadette Gross, Julie Gauvreau, Terri Zunis, Danielle Scheetz, Dan White, Vicki Simkovich, Julie Gale, Fr. John

Opening Prayer – 7:00 pm

- I. Faith Sharing (fifteen minutes – reading was [LK 21:5-19](#) led by Jon Axe).
- II. Review and approval of October minutes – reviewed and approved.
- III. Motions to Amend Parish Pastoral Council Guidelines that were approved on 9/10/2015 regarding membership and officers were presented.
 - a. Membership – Specifically the term of an at-large member to be changed from a two-year term to a three-year term with an option of remaining for a fourth year. Members can serve for one full term of three years continuing on for the fourth (transitional) year.
 - b. Officers – Specifically Vice-Chairperson Position to include eligibility of nomination during the first, second, or third year of their term. Subsequently, Vice-Chair incumbents will assume the position of Chairperson the following year.
 - c. A vote will be taken at the next regular meeting – an affirmative vote of 2/3 of members present is needed to amend the guidelines.
- IV. Parish Council will clean the church in December on the 10th at 9 am.
- V. Discussion Items
 - A. October Retreat-
 - i. Planning for the next 10 years at OLQP.
 - a. Thank you board – could use post it notes and a marker to count blessings. If notes were 4 different colors, could use colors to date the notes so that notes only stay up for 14 days.
 - b. Good bragging – the good we did together. We can remind parishioners of the number of families affected by their generosity.
 - c. Council decided that we should obtain some type of white board with post it notes. Have it up by November 20th. One for blessings, one for organization bragging board.
 - d. Children’s mass – could make it grade level specific, spotlight on that grade. Could acknowledge the teachers for that class.
 - e. Family signup sheet to bring up the gifts.
 - f. Women’s, Men’s, or Family renewals – could be done overnight. Maybe during Lent.
 - g. Building – several years out. Need to generate parishioner support, plan the building, raise money, and then build it.
 - h. Could have Rick Krivanka lead a town hall meeting to determine the unmet needs for a building from parishioners.
 - i. Could do a survey, too.



- j. Subcommittees will be formed consisting of parish council and finance council members.
- k. There is a 5-year plan for capital improvement, but not on new structures yet.

B. Other –

VI. Committee Reports

- A. Finance (Fr. John) – Nothing to report.
- B. Building (Fr. John) – Nothing to report.
- C. Welcoming (Danielle Sheetz) –
 - i. November 12th and 13th will be Welcoming Weekend.
 - ii. The next Welcoming Weekend will be January 28th and 29th.
- D. Pre-Cana (Jon Axe) - Nothing to report.
- E. GGP (Terri Zunis) –
 - i. GGP met on 10/26/16 at 8 am.
 - ii. Midview Middle School Superintendent Dr. Bruce Willingham was the guest speaker.
 - iii. Goody Bags for new residents were stuffed and taken to Village Hall by Mayor DiVencenzo (OLQP included information).
 - iv. Terri met with Dr. Willingham and Director of Education Daniel White, good contacts for OLQP to have.
 - v. Old Fashioned Christmas planning well on its way for 2017 to be combined with Bi-Centennial Celebration.
 - vi. Grafton is requesting OLQP to hold a “Live Nativity” in the new gazebo. Youth involvement would be a bonus.
 - vii. New Year’s Eve Party at OLQP Hall.
 - i. Price to be determined.
 - ii. 200 tickets will be sold.
 - iii. Event needs donation baskets and raffle items.
 - iv. Printing T-shirts and sweatshirts with the Bi-Centennial logo.
 - viii. Ann McDonald looking for Right Track award nominations.
 - ix. Saturday after Thanksgiving is “Small Business Saturday” in Grafton among participating businesses such as Town & Country and Essential Kneads.
 - x. Grafton Midview Library is running a Food for Fines food drive during the month of November. Anyone donating cans of food can receive up to \$5 off fines, faxes, or copies at the library. Food is going to OLQP food pantry and Methodist Church food pantry.
 - xi. Essential Kneads is doing a toy drive for OLQP. Essential Kneads will be giving away a \$5 gift card for every donated toy up to \$20.
 - xii. OLQP was asked if we could promote charitable events in our bulletin like the food drive and toy drive.
 - xiii. The next meeting will be Wednesday, November 30, 2016.



- F. Youth (Julie Gale) – The Youth Group will be encouraging all to attend an Advent night of worship at St. Ambrose in Brunswick on December 11th at 7 pm.
- G. Festival (Julie Gauvreau) – Wrap-up meeting was held October 20th.
 - i. Overall, the net revenue from 2015 to 2016 was flat. However, it should be noted that the Festival spanned four evenings in 2015 and only three in 2016. The team decided that three days was the optimal time frame.
 - ii. There was much discussion around how to increase attendance. We need to think of attractions that people would not find anywhere else such as a celebrity, mascot, etc. The raffle doesn't bring anyone to the festival since the winner need not be present to win.
 - iii. Joanie Ward is starting to negotiate contracts for rides and fireworks with the intention of trying to freeze the rates and still ensure we have quality entertainment. Some folks noted that the fireworks did not seem "as good as" last year. The 5k race flyers will be available online soon.
 - iv. The Parish Festival is scheduled for August 3rd through August 5th in 2017 (Thursday through Saturday).
- H. Parish Organizations
 - i. Holy Name (Dan White) –
 - a. The HNS held their annual Kielbasa Dinner on 11/5. Attendance was not as strong as in the past.
 - b. Appreciation dinner along with the Ladies Guild will be held on December 3rd, 2016.
 - c. Christmas party for kids under ten years of age will be held before Christmas.
 - d. This report for Dan was provided by Bill Slisko of the HNS.
 - ii. Knights of Columbus (Dan White for Mark Manning) –
 - a. A Fraternal Benefits Night in which all Knights learned about the many programs on the local, state, and national level the K of C is involved with was recently completed.
 - b. A corporate communion Sunday (usually the 5th Sunday of a month in which there are 5 Sundays) was recently completed.
 - c. Keep Christ in Christmas, a poster contest for students in PSR programs, is coming up. Students create a poster on how they would Keep Christ in Christmas. Council 8369 will be involving the parishes in Oberlin, Wellington, Litchfield, and Grafton in this program.
 - d. Lenten Fish Fry is planned again for 2017.
 - e. The Grand Knight this year is Chuck Rink of OLQP.
 - iii. Prayer Shawl (Bernadette Gross) –
 - a. Tami Mullins is currently trying to find another individual to take over the shawl ministry.



- b. There are no meetings scheduled at OLQP, but many members may combine with Sacred Heart in Oberlin.
- c. There are currently no shawls available in the OLQP closet, but Tami can get shawls from Sacred Heart by request.
- iv. Comfort Caps (Open) - Nothing to report.
- v. Ladies Guild (Annette Linden) – Nothing to report.
- vi. Parish Nurse (Bernadette Gross) – We will be doing a blood pressure/blood sugar screen November 6th after 11 am mass.
- vii. Helping Hands (Don Carmichael) – Nothing to report.

VII. Pastor's Address –

- a. A young adult group is just starting. They have applied for a grant for babysitting, a Retreat, social activities, and speakers.
- b. Evangelization ministry leader Tami Mullins has resigned. Every organization should be evangelizing by reaching out to people.
- c. For the improved wellbeing of families in our parish, we could start a divorce support workshop and a separate bereavement group.

VIII. Items for December Agenda – the next Faith Sharing leader will be Vicki Simkovich.

Jim Jaskowiak, Secretary