



## Parish Council Meeting Minutes

June 2, 2016

Present: Jon Axe, Don Carmichael, Don Gates, Bernadette Gross, Jim Jaskowiak, Annette Linden, Ellen Yacobozzi, Terri Zunis, Fr. John

Opening Prayer – 7:00 pm

- I. Faith Sharing (fifteen minutes – reading was [Lk 7:11-17](#) led by Jim Jaskowiak).
- II. Review and approval of May minutes – reviewed and approved.
- III. Discussion Items
  - A. Discuss Tools for Rebuilding chapters 68-75. We need to find ways to make fallen Catholics want to attend mass again. You cannot force them to go.
  - B. Parish Picnic.
    - i. Could have tables set up for the ministries. Have one person staff the table to answer questions and keep brochures on each ministry supplied.
    - ii. Parish council will sponsor a lottery tree for the festival. Annette Linden and Terri Zunis will assemble it. Each Council member is asked to contribute \$10.
  - C. Active threat training - Which follow up action items still need to be addressed?
    - i. This topic was tabled for next time due to absent members.
    - ii. Karabiners for doors, two by fours for bathroom, other low cost ideas.
    - iii. Will discuss further next month.
  - D. Discuss priorities of the parish – What are the unmet needs in terms of ministries, administrative staff, and concepts from the Tools for Rebuilding book? Council determined the following three areas are priorities for OLQP:
    - i. Volunteerism
    - ii. Family activities
    - iii. Religious education
  - E. New member recruitment.
    - i. Don Carmichael, Bernadette Gross, Jim Jaskowiak, Mark Manning, Julie Gale, Annette Linden, Vicki Simkovich, and Terri Zunis are staying on Council for next year.
    - ii. Don Gates and Ellen Yacobozzi are leaving Council after this current term.
    - iii. Julie Gauvreau and Jon Axe have not announced whether or not they will serve another term after the expiration of the current term.
  - F. Parish Council Picnic July 7<sup>th</sup>. Picnic will start at 6:30 pm.
  - G. Scholarship – Three scholarships will be awarded this year: one for a college student and two for graduating High School Seniors. OLQP collected \$1500, so each scholarship will be for \$500.
  - H. Other – Nothing to report.
- IV. Refreshment Break – Council presented a Happy Birthday cake to Fr. John.
- V. Committee Reports



- A. Finance (Fr. John) – Finance Council met to work on the OLQP budget for the next fiscal year.
  - i. More money is needed for regular operating expenses. In the Fall Stewardship Campaign, a financial commitment will be included this year.
  - ii. Letters will be mailed requesting address updates for our parish census. Letter will include a survey sheet regarding electronic giving.
  - iii. Finance Council is researching what it takes getting an endowment started for estate gifts.
- B. Building (Fr. John) – Nothing to report.
- C. Welcoming (Ellen Yacobozzi) – The next Welcome Weekend will be July 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>.
- D. Pre Cana (Jon Axe) - Nothing to report.
- E. Awakening Faith Committee (Terri Zunis) - Nothing to report.
- F. GMBA (Terri Zunis) – GMBA held a Breakfast Meeting on 5/25/2016.
  - i. Meeting was well attended.
  - ii. Thinking of creating a “Welcome Wagon” for new residents.
  - iii. Approximately 60-70 businesses are located within the Village limits.
  - iv. Business owners are looking for improved communication.
  - v. Last business directory was published in 2008-2009.
  - vi. Traffic patterns and infrastructure were discussed.
  - vii. Village website is in the process of being redone.
  - viii. The next scheduled meeting is 6/15/2016.
- G. Youth (Julie Gale) – Nothing to report.
- H. Festival (Julie Gauvreau) – The Festival Committee held a meeting on 5/19/2016.
  - i. Food
    - i. Debbie Griffin will coordinate with Ann Cunningham at Elyria Catholic for the volunteers to run the Popcorn/Cotton Candy/Snow Cone booth. Jim Andrews will check with Jim Wright to see if we can use/rent his equipment.
    - ii. Still waiting on contracts from Paula’s Polish Kitchen, Pizza 800, and Mike’s BBQ.
  - ii. Non-Food Vendors
    - i. Marilyn Bahl is out visiting and soliciting for more crafts/businesses.
    - ii. We have two confirmed vendors and one school.
      - 1. Joyce Factory Direct - returned and paid.
      - 2. Bath Fitter – returned and paid.
      - 3. Elyria Catholic.
    - iii. Joanie will check with Midview and Columbia to see if they are interested in a free “spirit” booth. Sarah Hoover will check at Elyria High, Debbie Griffin will check with Elyria Catholic. Someone needs to check with Keystone.
  - iii. Kids’ Games



- i. Jim Andrews, Pat Murray, and Bill have a meeting with a Lions member on Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup> to look at the cupcake game.
  - ii. Bill and Patrick Weir will pick up the kids games from the library.
  - iii. Dave Ward will call St. Jude about borrowing the Putt-Putt game again.
  - iv. Another game that was suggested was to have a game similar to the cake walk but for younger children, using smaller baked items instead of a cake. Maybe we could make this part of Family Night?
- iv. Car Show
  - i. The Car Show will take place on Friday, August 5<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 8 pm.
  - ii. Cars can begin arriving at 5:30 pm.
  - iii. Awards will be given out at 7:30 pm.
- v. Chinese Auction
  - i. We had a corn-hole set donated to us.
  - ii. Pat Murray has a very nice flyer that we will get into the bulletin and on the website for basket donations.
  - iii. Donations can be dropped off at the Festival table during weekend masses or at the Parish Office during the week.
- vi. Teen Games
  - i. Joanie is calling Troy DiFranco about heading up a Sport Area for teens.
    1. 3-point basketball shoot.
    2. Football tire throw.
    3. Soccer/Hockey Goal Shoot.
    4. Corn Hole.
  - ii. Someone will contact Jeff Squires to see if he wants to put on a Parish Corn Hole tournament.
- vii. Bingo – 350 shutter cards were purchased and received.
- viii. Beer Garden
  - i. Parish Punch.
  - ii. Basket of Cheer – Nancy Johnson will make the basket again this year.
  - iii. Patrick Weir will create the Wheelbarrow of Cheer.
- ix. Bike Rodeo
  - i. All kids will get a participation ribbon with a medal.
  - ii. Debbie Griffin offered to bake goodies for kids participating. All they have to do is go to the bake sale and show their ribbon to receive a baked item. Bottle of water, ticket to enter drawing for three big prizes (wrist band).
  - iii. Adding the sponsor's name (Pegg Vanek DDS., Inc.) to the flyer.
- x. Entertainment
  - i. Swizel Stick band contract signed by Fr. John. Julie Gauvreau will send it back to them.



- ii. Changing an “Intimate Evening with Jake Frish” to “Jake Frish Unplugged”.
- iii. Matt Harkin the Balloon Guy will perform from 7:30 to 9:30 pm Thursday and 6 to 8 pm Saturday.
- iv. Bubble Lady – Joanie still needs to call the Bubble Lady.
- v. Metroparks – Dave Ward still needs to call the Metroparks.
- xi. Publicity (no chair) - Need to find someone to handle the Radio, Newspaper, and other advertising for the Festival.
- xii. Sponsorships – Sarah Hoover will be heading out once school is out and is coordinating with Marilyn Bahl.
- xiii. Face Painting
  - i. Sarah Hoover will check with Tara DiFranco to see if Chad will do it again this year.
  - ii. Sarah did get the GLFF pre-school teachers to commit to one night.
- xiv. 5K
  - i. Subway will donate 30 sandwiches.
  - ii. Two entries already received.
- xv. Miscellaneous
  - i. Port-A-Potties. All set.
  - ii. Patrick Weir to check on the following:
    - 1. Parking lot lighting.
    - 2. Dumpster.
    - 3. Garbage cans.
  - iii. Tents are all ready to go.
  - iv. Yard signs – Jim Andrews is getting quotes.
  - v. Banner – Jim Andrews is getting quotes.
  - vi. We need to increase the size of the stage by one more section.
  - vii. Need to fix rain date on the website.
  - viii. Add information from Pat Murray on the website.
  - ix. Add Car Show info to the website.
  - x. Remove rides from General Info section of the website.
  - xi. Add all forms to Main Festival page on website.
  - xii. Send the Gene Pleban letter to all on the committee to use for soliciting donations.
- xvi. Next meetings
  - i. Thursday, June 30<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.
  - ii. Volunteer meeting Wednesday, July 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.
- I. Parish Organizations
  - i. Skills Bank (Vicki Simkovich) – Nothing to report.
  - ii. Holy Name (Don Gates) – Nothing to report.
  - iii. Knights of Columbus (Mark Manning) – Fr. Mitchell Cieslik Council 8369



- a. The Knights of Columbus are an organization committed to helping the disadvantaged, unborn, and the needs of local parishes we serve.
  - b. Council 8369 recently completed its annual Measure Up Campaign in which the Council raised over \$500 to be donated to the Elyria Regional Special Olympics program held each year in May.
  - c. Their upcoming event to be held in conjunction with the Village of Grafton yard sale program on June 11<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 5 pm will be the collection and sale of gently used baby items. The proceeds will benefit the unborn or newly born programs in Lorain County.
  - d. Council 8369 serves multiple parishes and they received requests for rosaries from our Lady help of Christians in Litchfield. Council supplied 24 rosaries to the first communion students of that parish.
  - e. The visible arm of the Knights of Columbus is their 4<sup>th</sup> degree Sir Knights. These Knights show up at events in full regalia.
  - f. Sir Knights recently participated in the Grafton memorial Day Parade in which Council 8369 distributed American Flags made in America to all along the parade route. This action is part of their mission as Knights of Columbus to support our veterans.
  - g. At the request of Fr. Bob at St. Peter's of North Ridgeville, Sir Knights led the procession for the Feast of Corpus Christi around the grounds of St. Peter's in North Ridgeville.
  - h. Sir Knights attended at the request of the Bishop to participate in the Confirmation Mass at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish.
  - i. The Knights of Columbus are a Catholic men's organization committed to programming for the needs of the youth, community, veterans, Council, family, and Parish.
- iv. Prayer Shawl (Bernadette Gross) - Nothing to report.
  - v. Comfort Caps (Ellen Yacobozzi) - Nothing to report.
  - vi. Ladies Guild (Annette Linden) – The Ladies Guild had their last meeting until Sept 19<sup>th</sup>.
    - a. Had a dinner to end the year.
    - b. Voted on new officers:
      - a. President – Jane Hutchinson
      - b. V.P. – Kathy DiFranco
      - c. Secretary – Linda Wolfe
      - d. Treasurer – Annette Linden
    - c. The Guild made just over \$4000 on their Rummage Sale.
  - vii. Parish Nurse (Bernadette Gross) – June 12<sup>th</sup> OLQP will have a Lab Screening at 9 am in the Gathering Area.
  - viii. Helping Hands (Don Carmichael) – Nothing to report.
- VI. Pastor's Address – Already covered in previous sections.



- VII. Items for July Agenda – The next Faith Sharing leader will be Ellen Yacobozzi.
- VIII. Adjourned 8:15 pm.

Jim Jaskowiak, Secretary