



Parish Council Meeting Minutes

September 8, 2016

Present: Don Gates, Bernadette Gross, Terri Zunis, Fr. John, Jon Axe, Jim Jaskowiak, Vicki Simkovich, Julie Gale, Mark Manning.

Opening Prayer – 7:02 pm

I. Faith Sharing (fifteen minutes – reading was [Lk 15:1-32](#) led by Terri Zunis).

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

III. Discussion Items

A. October Retreat-

- i. October 22nd from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Parish Hall.
- ii. Rick Krivanka, Executive Director, Jesuit Retreat House, will lead our 10th anniversary Retreat.
- iii. Rick played a role in helping the two parishes come together 10 years ago when he used to work for the diocese.
- iv. Planning for the next 10 years at OLQP.
- v. The Retreat will be used to set goals and objectives for OLQP in the following categories:
 - a. Evangelization
 - b. Ministries/stewardship
 - c. Family
 - d. Building (brick and mortar)
 - a. Phase II and III of the construction project.
 - b. Pavilion.
 - e. Faith/education.

B. Council members will come up with ideas for these objectives from our perspective. Try to talk with parishioners about the future direction of OLQP to get their perspective also.

C. Stewardship commitment – time, talent, treasure.

- i. This topic will be further discussed during the retreat as it is part of the 10-year plan.
- ii. How do we keep people involved?
 - a. Leadership meeting.
 - b. High school student on parish council.
 - c. Kids' mass.

D. OLQP 10-year anniversary will be October 29th.

- i. Bishop Gries will be able to help with Saturday mass.
- ii. Could have parish council commissioning that weekend.
- iii. Could have a preview of the next phases of the church construction project.



- iv. Liturgy Committee will do a living rosary on October 27th praying for where we want to be as a parish in the next 10 years.
 - E. Action items for the threat assessment.
 - i. A sample of the material that could be used to make the glass on the entry doors secure has been received, but it may change the aesthetics of the church entrance.
 - ii. This topic will be discussed in greater detail at a future Parish Council meeting.
 - F. New member recruitment. Please welcome Danielle Scheetz and Dan White as the two new members of OLQP Parish Council.
 - G. Other –
- IV. Refreshment Break –
- V. Committee Reports
- A. Finance (Fr. John) –
 - i. On September 17th and 18th, Finance Committee will give fiscal yearend report to the parish. We are in the black.
 - ii. We are in the process of getting a better rate for our loan.
 - iii. OLQP can get a 10-year fixed rate loan at 4.3%. We will refinance at the end of this loan for the remaining 5 years.
 - iv. The loan amortization schedule shows that we are now paying more principal than interest each month.
 - B. Building (Fr. John) –
 - i. We are currently sealing the parking lot.
 - ii. Working on a 5-year capital improvement plan with Finance Council.
 - C. Welcoming (Ellen Yacobozzi) –
 - i. Chelee reported that she had 11 new families at the Welcome Weekend on 8/1. She sent out e-mails to all who had e-mail addresses.
 - ii. The next Welcome Weekend is scheduled for October 29th.
 - D. Pre Cana (Jon Axe) - Nothing to report.
 - E. Awakening Faith Committee (Terri Zunis) – Not currently active.
 - F. GGP (formerly known as GMBA) (Terri Zunis) –
 - i. The new name for GMBA is Greater Grafton Partnership.
 - ii. The last meeting was 9/7/16 at 8 am.
 - iii. Welcome Baskets: an item is needed from OLQP.
 - iv. Committees being formed for :
 - i. Old Fashioned Christmas
 - ii. Face book
 - iii. New Village of Grafton website.
 - v. The next meeting will be October 26th at 8 am at the Grafton-Midview Public Library.
 - i. Bicentennial Committee to announce activities for 2017.
 - ii. John Loescher to speak regarding an information kiosk.



- vi. Officers to be nominated at the October meeting. Voting to take place at the November meeting.
 - vii. Right Track Award to be discussed – list of past recipients.
 - viii. Discuss other businesses hosting monthly meetings.
 - ix. OLQP does not have a list of current businesses in Grafton.
- G. Youth (Julie Gale) – Nothing to report.
- H. Festival (Julie Gauvreau) – We are still waiting on the final numbers for the 2016 Festival.
- I. Parish Organizations
- i. Skills Bank (Vicki Simkovich) – Nothing to report.
 - ii. Holy Name (Don Gates) –
 - a. The HNS golf outing on July 9th at Pinebrook was a great success. Everyone had a good time. The weather was great. Thanks to all that came out and also to those that helped out.
 - b. HNS held another golf outing at Pinebrook on August 9th: the Dominic Zunis Memorial Golf outing. It was catered by Wolfey's Bistro and Pub of Elyria.
 - iii. Knights of Columbus (Mark Manning) – Nothing to report.
 - iv. Prayer Shawl (Bernadette Gross) - Nothing to report.
 - v. Comfort Caps (Ellen Yacobozzi) - Nothing to report.
 - vi. Ladies Guild (Annette Linden) – Nothing to report.
 - vii. Parish Nurse (Bernadette Gross) –
 - a. We had 30 participants for the Lifeline screen. It was very successful. Bernadette thinks many were from the community.
 - b. Flu Shots on Saturday, September 24th from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm and Sunday, September 25th from 9:30 am to 10:30 am.
 - a. The traditional flu vaccine is available to anybody aged 7-64.
 - b. We will offer the high dose vaccine to anybody 65 and older.
 - c. The cost is \$32 for the traditional vaccine and \$58 for the high dose vaccine if you do not have insurance to cover it.
 - viii. Helping Hands (Don Carmichael) – Nothing to report.
- VI. Pastor's Address –
- a. RCIA had 5 new people last night, 9/7.
 - b. Grade Level Faith Formation (PSR) starts this weekend, 9/11.
 - c. Michael James Mette concert had 150 people. MJM would like to come back to OLQP again.
 - d. April 26th is Confirmation this year.
 - e. Fr. John is considering one of two books for Council members to read and discuss during meetings this year:
 - i. To Heal, Proclaim, and Teach by Jared Dees.
 - ii. Great Catholic Parishes by William E. Simon, Jr.



- f. OLQP might be doing a weekend retreat at an offsite location.
- VII. Items for October Agenda – The next Faith Sharing leader will be Mark Manning.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 PM

Jim Jaskowiak, Secretary