



## Parish Council Meeting Minutes

January 5, 2017

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

Opening Prayer – 7:00 pm

- I. Faith Sharing (fifteen minutes – reading was [MT 2:1-12](#) led by Julie Gauvreau).
- II. Review and approval of December minutes – reviewed and approved.
- III. Discussion Items
  - A. Grace Ogonek – OLQP Director of Parish Catechesis
    - i. Introduction to Grace Ogonek and her plan for our parish.
      - a. Grace explained that she has been participating in diocesan meetings for Parish Catechetical Leaders.
      - b. Grade Level Faith Formation classes are running well. Nancy Johnson and Robin Duplaga are doing a great job.
      - c. Our parish needs another round of Virtus training for Catechists. Should also hold Praesidium training for children. The last time these types of programs were held in Grafton was in 2004.
      - d. Grace would like to emphasize programs and activities that help people feel like they belong to our parish.
      - e. Grace liked the concept of Kid’s masses by grade level. She suggested starting with 9<sup>th</sup> graders first.
      - f. Parents are the primary religious educators.
    - ii. Explore opportunities for Parish Council to support this plan.
      - a. Grace will compose a working document from which to build our five-year plan.
      - b. When new parishioners join OLQP, we have an opportunity to communicate our expectations for them as members of our vibrant parish.
      - c. Our parish could do a better job following up on leads from Opportunity Sunday. Some parishioners wishing to join ministries were never called back.
  - B. Christmas Greeting from Parish Council – Were there any comments from parishioners?
    - i. At 4:30 pm mass, greeting could not be heard. Lectors could not be heard. Lectern microphone may have been switched off or not set loud enough.
    - ii. Good comments at other masses.
  - C. Reverse Raffle – Collected funds from council members and decided on the type of basket we wish to donate. Council decided to donate a lottery tree.
  - D. Good Bragging –
    - i. We will need an easel or poster.



- a. Plenty of easels at church. Could do a poster in conjunction with the spotlight ministry featured each week.
  - b. Could hand out an information sheet about what the ministries have done this month at the beginning of mass.
    - ii. Should we start with Helping Hands as the first featured group?
  - E. Children's Mass – Grace Ogonek participated in this discussion.
  - F. Stewardship Survey and subcommittee – How and when to begin?
    - i. Jon Axe, Mark Manning, and Terri Zunis are the members of the subcommittee.
    - ii. The subcommittee agreed to meet before the next Parish Council Meeting.
- IV. Committee Reports
- A. Finance (Fr. John) – Mike Filipiak and Patti Lutke have graciously accepted the invitation to represent the Finance Council on the subcommittee to plan the goals/direction/action plan for OLQP.
  - B. Building (Fr. John) – Nothing to report.
  - C. Welcoming (Danielle Scheetz) –
    - i. In January, we have a Welcoming Weekend at the end of the month, January 28-29. Chelee Quarm is not sure yet how many new parishioners we have. Chelee will know more in a couple of weeks.
    - ii. The emails Chelee has sent out have been received well.
    - iii. Lauren Ferritto and Sydney Quarm are now helping cover masses for Welcoming Weekends.
  - D. Pre-Cana (Jon Axe) –
    - i. Terri and Dave received the box of Pre-Cana materials.
    - ii. The first meeting will be on March 19<sup>th</sup>.
  - E. GGP (Terri Zunis) – Nothing to report.
  - F. Youth (Julie Gale) – Nothing to report.
  - G. Festival (Julie Gauvreau) – February 1<sup>st</sup> at 7 pm in the Parish Hall is the first Festival meeting.
  - H. Parish Organizations
    - iii. Holy Name (Dan White) – The Holy Name Society is sponsoring an evening of bowling at the Grafton Bowling Center on February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Sign-up after mass in the Gathering Area or call Bill Slisko (440-355-4138).
    - iv. Knights of Columbus (Mark Manning) –
      - a. Council 8369 continues to grow in membership with four additional brother knights joining our council this year.
      - b. Father Mitchell Cieslik Council 8369 is preparing for its annual Lenten Fish Fry event which will begin on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. We encourage the members of OLQP parish to join members of the community at large in attending and supporting our Lenten Fish Fry Event.
      - c. Council 8369 is also preparing for the celebration of the World Day of Marriage on the weekend of February 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>.



- d. Council 8369 will be participating in the K. of C. Youth Basketball Free Throw Contest this coming Saturday with other local council at St. Mary's school in Avon.
- e. Council will be holding a membership drive during our Lenten Fish Fry Event.
- v. Prayer Shawl (Bernadette Gross) - Nothing to report. If anyone knows of someone who is still active with this ministry, please let Bernadette know.
- vi. Comfort Caps (Vicki Simkovich) - Nothing to report.
- vii. Ladies Guild (Annette Linden) – Nothing to report.
- viii. Parish Nurse (Bernadette Gross) –
  - a. CPR and AED Training will take place February 11<sup>th</sup> at 10 am in the Parish Hall.
  - b. We will be doing blood pressure and blood sugar screening at the food bank on Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup>.
  - c. The boxes are hanging with the AED in them. Please look for them and familiarize yourself with where they are:
    - a. In Parish Hall outside the door to the kitchen.
    - b. In the St. Joseph room behind the door.
- ix. Helping Hands (Don Carmichael) –
  - a. The Giving Tree went well. There were 85 participants this year. Along with the donation to Sharing Christmas, it was a very giving year. We had extra donations from Essential Kneads and Spacebound that found happy homes.
  - b. The Backpack Program is going great. We have 224 children in the program. The Midview Community donated \$3,000 through the Compass Committee. We also did receive a \$1,000 and a \$2,000 grant that will be used to purchase items through Second Harvest.
  - c. The Community Meal is serving about 75 people every third Thursday.
  - d. Food Pantry continues to serve the community. In the past two months, there have been 38 families coming on the first Saturday for assistance. We have had many generous donations this past month:
    - a. OLQP Cub Scout Pack.
    - b. The Grafton Midview Public Library.
    - c. General Plug.
  - e. We have been approached by a Boy Scout that would like to improve the storage in the back room, especially the pantry area, to assist in packing of client bags more efficiently.
  - f. We are thinking about the prison garden and how it may continue.
  - g. We have had a few new parishioners join the group and look forward to getting more people involved in our many programs.

III. Pastor's Address –



- a. Young Adults cancelled their January 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting but are meeting on Jan 11<sup>th</sup> to reschedule and plan future events.
  - b. Ministry of Care is meeting on January 12<sup>th</sup>. We are in need of Eucharistic Ministers to take communion to the homebound weekly.
  - c. Second graders are making their First Reconciliation on January 28<sup>th</sup>. Please pray for them – as well as their parents – as children will usually confess their parents’ sins rather than their own.
  - d. Liturgy committee is meeting Monday to work out the Lenten schedule. Proposed are:
    - i. Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings.
    - ii. Adoration on Wednesday from noon to 6:30 pm and mass at 6:30 pm.
    - iii. DVD program – Seven Deadly Sins.
    - iv. Book Study – The Passion and the Cross.
    - v. Small group discussion – centered on the Eucharist.
    - vi. If we have other suggestions, please let Father John know soon.
  - e. Read part one of Great Catholic Parishes by William Simon for the next Parish Council meeting.
  - f. Thank you for the generous gift at Christmas from Parish Council. Fr. John will enjoy using it and is grateful for all that PC does for OLQP and for Fr. John.
- IV. Items for January Agenda – Next Faith Sharing leader will be Danielle Scheetz.
- V. Adjourned 8:47 pm.

Jim Jaskowiak, Secretary