



## Parish Council Meeting Minutes

March 2, 2017

Present: Jon Axe, Julie Gauvreau, Don Carmichael, Annette Linden, Terri Zunis, Fr. John, Bernadette Gross, Jim Jaskowiak, Dan White, Julie Gale, Vicki Simkovich, Danielle Scheetz, Mark Manning  
Opening Prayer – 7:00 pm

- I. Faith Sharing (fifteen minutes – reading was [MT 4:1-11](#) led by Julie Gale).
- II. Review and approval of February minutes – reviewed and accepted.
- III. Discussion Items
  - A. Scholarship-Three council members volunteered to be on the scholarship committee: Vicki Simkovich, Bernadette Gross, and Jon Axe.
  - B. The Great Catholic Parishes book was discussed up to page 96.
    - i. Some of the topics discussed were small groups, stewardship, getting parishioners more involved and engaged, getting kids more involved in the masses, and encouraging parents to stay during PSR.
    - ii. A Communications Director and Stewardship Director were also discussed.
    - iii. Council members need to read pages 97 to 178 for next time.
  - C. Brain Storming – Faith in God through the Eucharist and Sacraments.
    - i. What are we most grateful for in looking back upon the past 10 years of our parish? Council members will each come up with two or three items before the next meeting in April.
    - ii. What are our hopes and dreams for our parish in the next 10 years? Council members will each come up with two or three items before the next meeting in April.
  - D. Our Shining Moments (formerly known as “Good Bragging”)–
    - i. This program will coordinate with the Spotlight Ministries.
      - a. Feb. 26 – Holy Name
      - b. March 5 – Welcoming
      - c. March 12 – Helping Hands
      - d. March 19 – Mass coordinators
      - e. March 26 – Young Adults
      - f. April 2 – Lector
      - g. April 23 – RCIA
      - h. May 7 – Lady’s Guild
    - ii. Will update numbers for Helping Hands prior to March 12<sup>th</sup>.
  - E. Stewardship Survey and subcommittee – Jon Axe, Terri Zunis, and Mark Manning will meet again and talk about the potential implementation of Flocknote (using e-mail and text messaging to directly reach our parishioners—and hear back from them quickly).
  - F. Parish Goals subcommittee – Two or three members of Parish Council will meet with two or three members of Finance Council to discuss goals for OLQP.



G. Other -

IV. Committee Reports

- A. Finance (Fr. John) – Next meeting is Thursday, 3/9/17, at 7 pm.
  - i. Collections are slightly up, OLQP is doing OK. Collections were strong in December and at Christmas.
  - ii. OLQP received tax exempt status for one of the parcels of land belonging to our parish.
  - iii. The Reverse Raffle went well. It netted over \$8000.
- B. Building (Fr. John) – The roof of the chapel needs new shingles, there is already some water damage inside. Debris from bat habitation, also needs to be removed.
- C. Welcoming (Danielle Scheetz) –
  - i. March 5<sup>th</sup> is the Spotlight Ministry weekend for Welcoming Committee.
  - ii. The committee has been encouraging parishioners who have been members of OLQP for a long time to take the Welcoming Committee packets in order for these members to obtain more information on the current offerings in our parish.
- D. Pre-Cana (Jon Axe) -
  - i. Two couples did not come back to the Pre-Cana team this year.
  - ii. The group has met twice and will meet one more time on March 19<sup>th</sup>.
  - iii. Pre-Cana is on schedule and ready.
- E. Greater Grafton Partnership (Terri Zunis) – Nothing to report.
- F. Youth (Julie Gale) – National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) sign-ups have begun.
- G. Festival (Julie Gauvreau) – March 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm is the next meeting.
- H. Parish Organizations
  - i. Holy Name (Dan White) – The HNS is planning a pancake breakfast in May and a golf outing in June. The dates are to be determined.
  - ii. Knights of Columbus (Mark Manning) – Nothing to report.
  - iii. Prayer Shawl (Bernadette Gross) - Nothing to report.
  - iv. Comfort Caps (Vicki Simkovich) - Vicki will get more information regarding this ministry for the Shining Moments feature.
  - v. Ladies Guild (Annette Linden) –
    - a. The Ladies Guild held their Spaghetti Dinner on February 4<sup>th</sup>.
      - a. Total profit was down about \$200 from previous years.
      - b. It was difficult selling all of the spins for the games we play at the event. We only did 9 of 15 this year, which is a first.
    - b. The Guild planned an LG luncheon for March 25<sup>th</sup>.
  - vi. Parish Nurse (Bernadette Gross) –
    - a. CPR/AED training February 11<sup>th</sup> - 8 people stayed and the finished class, 5 people will get carded.
    - b. OLQP will have another class on the 25<sup>th</sup> of March from 10 am to 2 pm in the Parish Hall.



vii. Helping Hands (Don Carmichael) –

- a. In January, HH served 18 families at our food pantry.
- b. 89 people enjoyed dinner at the Community Meal on February 16<sup>th</sup>.
- c. We distributed 312 backpacks.
- d. On February 16<sup>th</sup> (the day of the Community Meal), the Community Meal celebrated its fourth anniversary.
- e. March 25<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup> will be the HH food drive.
- f. We also have another quilt from the prison that we will be raffling off. We will be selling tickets in March. The drawing will be on Palm Sunday. The raffle profits will be used in the Family Promise program.

III. Pastor's Address –

- a. Grace Ogonek has been meeting with the parents of the second graders to get the parents to attend mass.
- b. The Ash Wednesday evening mass was full. Having a larger parking lot helped because it made it easier to find a place to park in order to attend mass.

IV. Items for April Agenda – The next Faith Sharing leader will be Don Carmichael.

V. Closing Prayer 8:31 pm

Jim Jaskowiak, Secretary