

Parish Council Meeting Minutes - September 13, 2018

Present: Father Tom, Deacon Papp, Gary Perrydore, Emily Shurtliff, Joseph Adams, John LaRock, Jacob Visovatti, John DeJak,

Excused Absence: Marie Scrobola

Opening Prayer by Deacon Papp

Introduction of the two new members: Joseph Adams and John DeJak.

Council formation: Father briefly recounted the history of our parish council, the formation at the request of our Bishop, and our advisory role.

Father read the resignation letter from the former council chair, Jeff Mesch, to the council. There was discussion of how it came about and how we can reach out to a few others who may feel disenfranchised.

Joseph asked about the history of the free standing altar, and why it was not kept in the sanctuary prior to Deacon Brennan and Father Tom's time at OSP. Deacon Papp said that it was moved back to the sanctuary to accommodate visiting priests during the pastoral transition.

Old Business/Updates

Parish membership: Father Tom shared some of the feedback he received from the recent survey. He stated that, as we had thought, many parishioners attend OSP for the rich, reverent Mass offered here.

Vocations Prayer: The council discussed where to add this prayer without over burdening the faithful with extra prayers at the end of Mass. Deacon suggested we include it regularly in the petitions.

New Business

Election of new chairman: Jacob Visovatti was nominated by Emily, seconded by Bridget, and unanimously elected to the position.

New council member slot: names of interested parties were discussed.

Parking Lot project: Father reported that Diocesan approval was granted for our plan. The projected cost will be \$197,000. This will be funded from our savings, which will partially be replenished with the parish's share of the Witness to Hope pledges. The job is slated to be done this fall.

Parish Bus to the Diocesan Assembly and Eucharistic Procession: Father is hoping for a good turn out from our parish and mentioned there were still seats available on the chartered bus.

St. Augustine's HEP Needy Family Fund Budget Request: Father stated that Dr. Russell had asked him if the parish might be able to begin such a fund. He asked the St. A's parents on the council what might be an appropriate amount. There was no vote but the council seemed generally favorable to the idea.

