

**OUR LADY OF SORROWS
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 22, 2018**

ATTENDANCE:

Corrine Bardgett, Deacon Dan Skillman, Don Franke, Doug Broleman, Dominic Grans, Dick Zerega, Patti Zerega, Celeste Engel, Denise Klevorn, Father Sebastian, Patti Hall, and Mark Zimmerman.

OPENING PRAYER:

Corrine began the meeting at 7:03 p.m. with a prayer.

MINUTES APPROVAL:

Minutes from our 4/24/18 meeting were approved with motions from Don and Dominic.

NEW PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Corrine announced the newly elected Parish Council members. They are: Mark Zimmerman, Patti Hall, Mark Heisohn, and Jacque Mattingly. Welcome!

FAREWELL AND WELCOME DINNER:

The Parish Council dinner will be held in the vestibule of the gym on June 19 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Deacon Dan reminded us that VBS will be held that evening in the gym. Corrine asked for volunteers to help set up; Denise, Corrine, Patti, and Celeste agreed to help. She also passed around a food sign-up sheet for us to complete.

FATHER'S ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY AT OLS:

The Women's Guild is planning a reception after the 10:00 am. mass on June 24 to celebrate Father Sebastian's one year anniversary at OLS. Additional information will be forthcoming in the bulletin.

2018-2019 PROPOSED PARISH COUNCIL CALENDAR:

Corinne passed out next year's proposed PC calendar. She also reminded up to sign up for the two PC training opportunities being offered by the Archdiocese.

EVANGELIZATION PROJECT:

Connie Stoffel gave an overview of this new initiative being implemented at OLS. A team of 8 parishioners and 4 sisters from the Society of Our Mother of Peace will visit every house within our parish boundaries, with the goal of inviting them to OLS and the Catholic church. They have been meeting for several weeks and on May 23, 1 sister and 1 lay person will begin visiting homes to talk, pray, and leave Catholic literature with them. Visits will occur on Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays for an undetermined amount of time. In conjunction with this project, OLS will begin holding Eucharistic Adoration the church from 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. on the first Friday of every month.

TEAM BUILDING AND GOAL SETTING:

Corrine suggested a team building and goal setting day be scheduled for Parish Council members sometime this summer. She will send out an email asking for our availability on Saturdays in August.

PC PICNIC BOOTH:

Corrine asked for volunteers to cover the open shifts at the Parish Council picnic booth.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

Father Sebastian reported that we have not found anyone interested in renting or buying our school building but it remains a priority. Leasing the building to GSA has not been approved by the Archbishop, even though further meetings have taken place with the dissenting pastors. We are currently bound by an agreement to pay \$12,500 per month to support SCCA and that we can't afford to pay that amount. We have been paying what we can afford each month. There is a water leak in the rectory that needs to be repaired; it is being assessed.

MAINTENANCE UPDATE (Dominic):

We have a list of 35 items that need normal maintenance, repairs, or are improvements to our facilities. They are prioritized based on importance and to date six have been completed and several others are in process. We need to go out to the parish for talent/help and put together crews to accomplish some of the items. One of the larger projects on the list is to install a handicapped ramp for the front church entrance. Patty will research how to secure grant money to complete it. In regards to the Boiler system, we had a couple of contractors

come out and look at the system, and although it's old, it was determined that it is functioning adequately given the recent repairs/updates made and are in process of being made. The church's AC system has been serviced and checked out and is ready to go for the summer.

ALPHABET FUNDRAISER:

Two months ago Joe Pavlik presented to the Parish Council a fundraiser named The Alphabet Club. It was initially well received, but a few concerns have been brought up. Father Sebastian approved the idea and it was presented at the Men's Club as approved, although the Parish Council has not approved it. One of the biggest concerns is the number of tickets that needs to be sold each month. To break even, 400 tickets (\$5.00 per ticket) must be sold monthly. To make \$18,400 for the initial four months, 1,300 tickets must be sold each month. The pros and cons of the fundraiser were discussed and then a vote was taken; it was not approved by the Parish Council.

MOUSE RACES:

At a previous meeting, Ray Bockskopf proposed OLS host a Mouse Race event as a fundraiser. Ray said his son and daughter-in-law would organize the event for the parish and it will also take a lot of volunteers. St. Mary's high school recently held a mouse race and made \$6,000. Tickets were \$25 and there were 10 people at each table. To host the event at OLS in the spring, we need to secure the date now. The council decided to do more research on the finances and potential profit amount. Corrine will email Ray a list of questions and email the council his answers.

Father Sebastian suggested researching what it would take to rent our our facilities, e.g., gym, to make money. It would require less volunteer labor and it would bring people to our church facilities. Corrine asked if we can determine the utility and other costs associated with operating the gym. Denise agreed to talk to Cathy Newhouse about getting cost information.

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP (formerly referred to as the Young Couples Group):

The group held its first meeting with 4 couples in attendance. Andrew Stilinovic will be the group leader. Their first event is scheduled for 7/18 in Tower Grove.

SCCA UPDATE:

Corrine received a written update from Paul Kappel, SCCA Board Chair. The following items have been implemented this school year: SCCA Bylaws have been reviewed and approved, their mission and vision statements were created, a budget was reviewed and accepted, and SCCA strategic sessions have begun. There are currently about 200 students registered for the 2018-2019 school year; this number excludes students in the Learning Center and the Junior Kindergarten.

BUILDING COMMITTEE UPDATE (DOMINIC):

A meeting was held with Restoration STL about a month ago, and it appeared they showed interest in purchasing our building. To date they have not come back yet with a proposal to buy the building. There are currently no other prospective buyer or leasers for the building.

MEMORIAL STATUE UPDATE:

A date for the statue to be erected has not yet been set. Patty will follow up on it.

EMERGENCY PLAN COMMITTEE UPDATE:

Doug reported the lady who was going to organize the class was hospitalized and no dates have been set. He will the confirm the dates upon her recovery.

COMMISSION STRUCTURE DISCUSSION:

This agenda item was tabled and will be discussed at our August meeting, which will be held on 8/28.

The meeting was closed with a prayer by Father Sebastian at 8:23 p.m.