

**OUR LADY OF SORROWS
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 28, 2019**

ATTENDANCE:

Corinne Bardgett, Doug Broleman, Celeste Engel, Don Franke, Patti Hall, Mark Heisohn, Denise Klevorn, Jackie Mattingly, Barb Paulus, John Ross, Patti Zerega, Mark Zimmerman, Father Sebastian

APPROVAL OF APRIL 2019 MEETING MINUTES: Celeste Engel

The OLS Parish Council Minutes were approved.

FINANCE COUNCIL (BUILDING) REPORT: Denise Klevorn

The finances are relatively stable, but there was a shortfall of about \$9,400 this month. Once again, a generous parishioner saw the need and gave a large donation to help cover the deficit. The fiscal year for Sorrows runs July 1st through June 30th. The committee is currently working on putting a budget together for next year.

There is no update on the CMG proposal, and the parish is not pursuing it at this point. A few schools approached the parish with offers to rent the school building for very short terms, but the Archdiocese would not approve any of these. The parish must work within the constraints given.

Father informed the Parish Council that the rectory A/C is totally broken, and the quote for a total replacement is \$16,000. Father plans to get a 2nd bid. A window unit was added to the conference room for meetings, and there might be other units that could be used, but the electrical system cannot handle much. Father said he can manage without the A/C, but he is worried about Father Sigmund if he returns on June 19th and there is still no A/C. Father is not sure if there is any insurance that would cover some of the cost.

Denise said that we have money in restricted accounts to be used for maintenance only – one for the roof and one for the boiler. There is also a general maintenance fund which could cover the A/C expense. The parish is short on the weekly contributions, which is how the monthly bills are paid.

The Finance Council will have a Strategic Planning session this summer to discuss the parish's bigger financial issues.

BY-LAWS UPDATE AND VOTING: Corinne Bardgett and Barb Paulus

The main change in the By-Laws is in Article 3 – Selections and Terms of Office. Barb changed the term of a Parish Council member from 3 to 4 years. This change is not retroactive, but adjustments will need to be made. Two members will leave this year, but three will join the Council, so there will be one extra person for the 2019 – 2020 year. Six members are scheduled to roll off in 2020, but 2 or 3 of the 6 will need to extend to keep the number of members at 12 or 13.

There was a discussion as to whether a 4-year term instead of the 3-year term would make some people hesitant to join.

The PC members also discussed if the member count remains at 13, the By-Laws will need to be updated to reflect the change. Mark Zimmerman proposed changing the By-Laws to state 12 – 14 registered parishoners including any teen members, which would give flexibility with both adult and teen members. This was agreed upon and Barb will make the change. Corinne suggested really looking at the By-Laws starting in August when the Council is back in session.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS – JUNE 9, 2019: Corinne Bardgett

Corinne will be in Hawaii during the elections, so she passed the torch to Denise to handle them.

Members that were assigned to call parishoners from a list to see if they would be interested in joining the Parish Council met immediately following the meeting to give status on the results of their phone calls.

** Before the release of the meeting minutes, the elections were held, and the following four parishoners will be joining the Parish Council for the 2019 – 2020 year:

Larry Gengler
Mary Kabbaz
Maureen Ragsdale
A.J. Thompson.

HAIL & FAREWELL POTLUCK DINNER FOR PARISH COUNCIL DATE: Corinne Bardgett

Denise offered to send out an email after the election requesting the availability of the members, so that a date could be picked for the dinner that would work for the majority. The dinner will no longer be held on June 21, 2019, but it could still be in June on a different date. Mark Zimmerman also passed around a calendar for everyone to fill in their availability for June, July, and August to start the process. This calendar will be used for multiple events, such as the Commission Meetings, etc.

COMMISSION UPDATE - NEXT MEETINGS: Mark Zimmerman

The next step is to get the Commission leads together for a meeting prior to both the start of the new school year and the 2nd set of individual Commission meetings, which should be held in the late August/early September timeframe. Denise suggested putting

the Commission update, along with the names of the new members, in the Parish Council corner of the bulletin. She also thought a different organization could be highlighted each month in this section of the bulletin. This idea was well-received.

OLS PICNIC BOOTH: Don Franke and Patti Hall

The Parish Council is once again responsible for the Krazy Kans booth, which will be located in the same place as last year. All of the timeslots for volunteers have been filled. Last year, the booth brought in \$138.00.

SMALL RELATIONSHIP BUILDING DINNERS WITH FR. SEBASTIAN: Corinne Bardgett

The next dinner is scheduled for June 21, 2019. Denise and Patti Zerega volunteered to help with the dinner. Father explained that the young adults are currently being invited to the first few dinners and then the invitations will extend to others in the parish.

TRAINING: Corinne Bardgett

- June 8, 2019, 8:00am – noon: How to Grow an Engaged Church
- August 24, 2019: Pastoral Council Annual Workshop

OKTOBERFEST: Mark Zimmerman

Mark wanted to know whether or not the Parish Council would be hosting the Oktoberfest this year. In order for it to happen, someone will need to volunteer to chair the event. So far, no one has stepped up.

FEAST OF OLS: Corinne Bardgett

The Feast will be held on September 15, 2019, at the 10:00am Mass, with a luncheon following in the Parish Hall.

MOUSE RACES:

Those that attended enjoyed the event.

RECOGNITION OF THE SERVERS: Mark Zimmerman

Events for the servers will be scheduled three times during the school year.

NEXT MEETING – Tuesday, August 27, 2019

CLOSING PRAYER: Corinne Bardgett

ADJOURNMENT: 7:52pm

SUBMITTED BY: Celeste Engel