

**OUR LADY OF SORROWS
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 29, 2019**

ATTENDANCE:

Corinne Bardgett, Celeste Engel, Larry Gengler, Mary Kabbaz, Denise Klevorn, Barb Paulus, Maureen Ragsdale, Patti Zerega, Mark Zimmerman, Greg Mueller (alt.)

PRAYER: Corinne Bardgett

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 2019 MEETING MINUTES: Celeste Engel
The OLS Parish Council approved the September minutes at the meeting.

SCCA REPORT: Ray Bockskopf

Ray was not able to make the meeting, so Corinne provided the update.

- SCCA is replacing the old white boards with flat screens. So far, they have hooked up four.
- They put up new blinds for all windows, the 6th – 8th graders received new Bibles to keep and take to high school.
- Breakfast with Santa is December 7, 2019, at OLS.
- Trunk or Treat was at SJA this year.
- The school held a Parent/Teacher Conference within the last few weeks.

FINANCE: Denise Klevorn

Finances: The Finance Council did not meet this past month because Father was out. The finances are stable, similar to the past months - \$1000 over or under each month.

School Building:

- The Archdiocese had been looking at the school building with the intent to consolidate the Bishop DuBourg House and a 2nd senior living complex. They toured the building but decided that it would not meet their needs.
- CMG had been previously interested in the building, but the Building Committee has not had any more meetings with them recently.
- Given the low out-of-pocket cost of keeping the building, we will continue to review the offers/leads we are given for the school building rather than rush to either sell or lease it at this time. We are hopeful a viable offer will present itself in the near future which will allow us to maximize the revenue OLS will receive from selling or leasing it.
- Greg Mueller mentioned that St. John the Baptist is currently renting their high school building out to various ministries. Denise stated that OLS doesn't have the money to put into our school building to get it to the point that it could be rented.

STEWARDSHIP WEEKEND: Denise Klevorn

Denise met with Deacon Dan, Parish Council members put the brochures in the pews, and 84 brochures were completed and turned back in. Of the 84 completed, 36 people requested more information. The most requested organization was St. Vincent De Paul with 12 inquiries, Eucharistic Adoration had 6, and Lectors and Men's Club each had 4 people who requested more information. Prior to the meeting, Denise collated the information, filled out a sheet for each Commission with contact information for each of its organizations that had someone who requested more information, and gave each Commission lead a copy of their sheet. This week, each Commission lead will email the contact information to the head of each organization in its Commission that had inquires, and the organization heads will then follow-up with the individuals. The importance of the follow-up call with everyone who showed interest was stressed. The Commission leads will then follow-up with the organization heads within a week or so.

COMMISSIONS UPDATE – NEXT MEETINGS: Mark Zimmerman

A meeting with the Commission leads will be scheduled for early December 2019, and the 3rd individual Commission meetings will then be held in December 2019 or January 2020. Status of the follow-up calls mentioned above should be a topic at these individual meetings, along with informing the organization heads about an overall meeting that will be in April 2020.

This April 2020 meeting will bring all 4 Commissions together. Ideas about the meeting are as follows: The meeting will start with general items and then the Commissions will be separated into individual groups for organizations to share information across the groups. The groups will rotate twice, every 15 minutes, and each organization head will talk for a few minutes. This will give everyone a chance to meet new people and hear about different organizations. There will be a wrap-up session following the rotations. Each organization will be able to bring 2-3 people to this meeting. An agenda for this meeting will be created at the Commission Leads meeting in December and then distributed in the 3rd Commission meetings.

The slogan is currently in the bulletin as of the last few weeks.

Mark stated that every parish-wide event for October and November already had an ad in the bulletin, so it was not necessary for him to do a summary of monthly events for those months.

Barb previously received a few comments that older parishioners do not go online to look at the calendar and a summary might be good for them as a bulletin insert. Denise suggested that we summarize the main monthly events in the Parish Council Corner of the bulletin.

Mark is going to check to see if a parish-wide event can be highlighted with a color on the calendar on the website.

Mark is working on a cost estimate to put the parish slogan on a large banner that will be hung in the Parish Center.

The Welcoming Committee, which is part of the Fellowship Commission, will be the December highlight in the bulletin. The article needs to be given to Denise by Friday, November 29, 2019.

PARISH ADVENT SERVICE PLANNING - DECEMBER 13, 2019: Corinne Bardgett

- Celeste will set up during the day, take photos during the event, and clean up afterwards. John, Larry, and Mark are available to serve that evening. Patti Zerega can help with the set-up and during the evening, and Mary Kabbaz is available after 3:30pm. Denise is not available during the evening but volunteered to buy the food at Sam's.
- Denise mentioned there are a lot of plates, napkins, etc. leftover from last year's Advent Service and the Feast Day that we can use. She also has decorations – tablecloths, runners, etc.
- Chairs will be set up around the edge and only a few tables will be needed – 2 tables for serving wine, 2 different drink stations, and 3 appetizer lines.
- Father is responsible for the church service.
- Parish Council members judged the Christmas trees the last 2 years. The trees need to be judged by the end of Wednesday, December 11, 2019, two days before the Advent Service. The judges will get the names of those who decorated the trees from Kristen Knoll after the trees are judged and then put the prize money in the winning envelopes. The winners will be announced at the service. Mark mentioned the previous idea that parishioners vote on the trees, but it was decided that even though the idea was well-received, it would be too complicated to do this. The logistics and timing make this idea too difficult to pull off. Since there haven't been any complaints on how the trees have been judged in the past, the process will remain the same as last year. The tree decorators take this very seriously. Mary Kabbaz, Patti Zerega, and Corinne volunteered to be the judges this year. Their voting will be based simply on what they like. Each judge will pick their three favorite trees, and a weighted value will be assigned for each of their three choices.
- Celeste, Patti Zerega, and Denise will set up at noon that day.
- Corinne will figure out the 4:30pm – 5:00pm shift for final prep, such as heating the water for the hot chocolate, etc.
- The service will begin at 7:00pm.

GOALS FOR 2019 – 2020: Corinne Bardgett

1. Youth Group: Mary Kabbaz and A. J. Thompson

Mary Kabbaz met with Father Sebastian, and they decided on a few items. The first meeting will be held on November 10, 2019, from 6:00pm – 7:30pm, in the cafeteria. Rachael Shunberger is a new leader for the Youth Group. She was originally from St. Anthony's Parish and now attends Mass at OLS. Father recommended her. Both will lead on November 10, 2019, and both have been calling 8th – 10th Graders. So far, five or six plan on attending this meeting. They will continue to promote this by handing out flyers after Mass next Sunday. They are also looking for other leaders because two adults are required to be at any event. A. J. Thompson can't qualify as a leader due to

his age, but he is an Advisor and participant. Corinne volunteered to help out from time to time.

Rachael is interested in forming a Core Team for the Youth Group at Sorrows because St. Anthony's had a Core Team for their Youth Group, which had 50 - 60 participants. Their Core Team did most of the organizational work. Mary and Rachael are currently the Core Team for our Youth Group. PC members suggested that they could get parents of the kids involved or put the kids in charge of food, etc.

They are still working out how often the group will meet, etc.

The Youth Group will be added to the Fellowship Commission.

2. Liturgy:

Not discussed at this meeting.

3. Commissions: Mark Zimmerman and Denise Klevorn

See above

4. Cultivate Involvement in Parish Life:

Not discussed at this meeting.

FISH FRY:

The next Committee meeting is November 4, 2019. Larry will be ordering a new freezer.

BY-LAWS: Corinne Bardgett and Barb Paulus

Barb previously sent out revised By-Laws for approval, but they have not been finalized yet. Corinne will make this an agenda item for the November PC meeting.

NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER / DANCE: Celeste Engel

PC members thought it was a good idea. Celeste booked LoChirco's Catering for the event for a minimum of 100 people. This is the same company that catered the Feast Day. The menu will have both roast beef and chicken, pasta without meat for the vegetarians, the same green beans, and rolls. Marjorie Wolk and Celeste will handle the salad and desserts. OLS must provide a final headcount 8 days prior to the event. Celeste and Marjorie can then continue to take reservations but can't go down in number from that point. The higher the headcount, the lower the price, per person. Soda, coffee, beer, and wine will be provided, and champagne will be served at midnight. Munchies will be on the tables for the evening, and noisemaker will be provided at midnight. Celeste will talk to the Athletic Association regarding the beer. The band, Hit List!, has volunteered their time to play that evening.

Reservations can be turned in starting on November 3, 2019. Denise will talk to Cathy Newhouse to see if OLS can set up PayPal or Venmo for payments. If they are allowed and then set up, other organizations could also use them.

TECH DAY: Mark Zimmerman

Mark brought up having a potential Tech Day at Sorrows to help people with accessing the calendar and the Sorrows website, setting up a Facebook page, etc. The Parish Council has talked about this idea in the past.

NEXT MEETING – Tuesday, November 26, 2019

CLOSING PRAYER: Corinne Bardgett

ADJOURNMENT: 8:00pm

SUBMITTED BY: Celeste Engel