

**OUR LADY OF SORROWS  
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 26, 2019**

**ATTENDANCE:**

Corinne Bardgett, Doug Broleman, Celeste Engel, Don Franke, Pattie Hall, Mark Heisohn, Denise Klevorn, Jacque Mattingly, John Ross, Mark Zimmerman, Father Sebastian

**OPENING PRAYER:** Corinne Bardgett

**APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 2019 MEETING MINUTES:** Celeste Engel

The OLS Parish Council Minutes were approved.

**FINANCE COUNCIL UPDATE:** Denise Klevorn

OLS FINANCES:

The parish finances are stable, and OLS was able to make the monthly SCCA payment for both January and February 2019 from the cash account.

**SCHOOL BUILDING:**

Negotiations are still underway with the developer interested in using the school building for a senior living community. We've asked them to provide us with additional financial information to assist us in making a decision. We are also working on getting an appraisal for the school building to further help the decision making process for this deal and any future deals. Although we've been approached by a couple other entities interested in the building, this is the only deal that is actively being pursued.

**FISH FRY:** Doug Broleman and Celeste Engel

The fish will no longer be fried in the basement of the rectory but in a tent in the parking lot behind Faenger Hall, so all fryers were moved behind the garage of the gym. Doug, Dominic, Ray Bockscopf, and Larry Gengler went to M&L, the supplier of the fish, to learn the proper way to bread the fish. In the past, the fish was purchased with the breading already on. The gas lines have been run in the gym. There will be some changes to the menu. The pre-breaded frozen cod will be replaced with cod that we will bread and fry, and catfish from Vietnam will be added to the menu. A lot of volunteers will be needed in order to run the Fish Fry. The volunteers will no longer get a free meal but can get an \$8.00 meal for \$5.00. This year, the Fish Fry will be held in Faenger Hall. There will be one line for both dine-in and carry-out customers. The Girl Scouts will be at the end of the gym selling cookies. Doug mentioned that running the Fish Fry is a huge task; far more than 4:30pm – 7:00pm on Friday.

**COMMISSION ESTABLISHMENT & GOAL SETTING:** Mark Zimmerman and Denise Klevorn

- This effort will kick off the first week of March. Its purpose is to start a parish-wide dialogue and to build relationships, and the process will be fluid and dynamic.
- Fr. Sebastian tweaked the PC catch phrase from last month.
- The final approved Parish Council catch phrase is: “***Sharing the Faith in Jesus, Caring for our Community, and Building on Tradition***”.
- Denise wrote the Commission letter that the organization heads will receive, and a few Parish Council members requested minor changes. She will make all final changes and mail the letters. Each organization head should receive them the following Wednesday.
- Some organizations might be moved from one Commission to another if there is a better fit.
- The Fish Fry organization was added to the Fellowship Commission, and the contact people will be the Brolemans.
- During the meeting, the PC members went through a handout and a script that will be used at each first Commission meeting. All members will later read through the information more thoroughly and request any changes by the following Monday in order to get all information ready for the first Commission meetings.
- The Commission effort will be announced to the parish via the Bulletin on March 10, 2019.
- The Commission chairs plan to meet to discuss the script and prepare for the individual Commission meetings. Each of the meetings will be run in a similar manner.
- At each first Commission meeting, a list of activities from each organization should be collected and later shared.
- After the first meetings are held, the heads of each Commission will meet to decide on the script for the next set of Commission meetings.
- There is a possibility that this could end up being too many meetings, and changes might need to be made. The process is fluid.
- The meeting handouts will be the Mission Statement and the “Bringing it all Together” handout. The script is only for the Commission chairs to use to facilitate the meeting.
- We discussed the words “Parish Council” vs “Pastoral Council” and what to use in the letter. In general, people are more familiar with “Parish Council” even though it might not be the official name. During the meeting, no decision was made as to what to use.
- Father gave Denise a pamphlet from his previous parish that might be useful at OLS. It takes the organizations, breaks them down, and asks parishoners to pledge that they will actively participate in the sacramental life of the parish, share their gifts generously, etc. Our parish has had something like this in the past.

## **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL & LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP LIST –**

### **NEXT STEPS:** Corinne Bardgett

Corinne Bardgett, Celeste Engel, and Barb Paulus previously accomplished the first step of organizing the ideas and thoughts from the workshop into several categories: Commission, Communication, Training, Outreach, Strategy, Relationship Building, and Spiritual. Corinne had sent this categorized list to each PC member for each member to rate what is most important to them, by picking the top topic in each category and then the overall top 3. The team will then compile/narrow the results and distribute a smaller list. The Commission effort has hit on a lot of marks. The members were asked to send an email to Mark Heisohn with their choices by Monday, March 4, 2019. Questions were raised regarding the Strategy category.

### **LIVING YOUR STRENGTHS BOOK:** Corinne Bardgett

Corinne thought this book might be good for relationship building; discovering our own strengths; talking; getting to know each other, finding others' strengths, and then possibly contacting those individuals that have a particular strength down the road; and assisting in the development of parish leaders. She also thought the book discussion could be opened up parish-wide. The cost of the book is \$36.00 and comes with a training DVD. Denise thought this should be discussed with Deacon Dan to see if this would fall under Faith Formation. Mark Zimmerman suggested tabling this until the new members join the Parish Council this summer, so it was decided that this would be tabled until May.

### **SMALL RELATIONSHIP BUILDING DINNERS WITH FR. SEBASTIAN:** Corinne Bardgett

Fr. Sebastian is hosting the first small relationship building dinner on March 27. The goal is to have a dinner each month on a Friday evening. The dinner would usually be 8-10 parishioners, along with a few PC members to be part of the conversation.

**NEXT MEETING** – Tuesday, March 26, 2019

**ADJOURNMENT:** 8:00pm

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Corinne Bardgett

**SUBMITTED BY:** Celeste Engel