

**OUR LADY OF SORROWS  
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 30, 2019**

**ATTENDANCE:**

Corinne Bardgett, Doug Broleman, Celeste Engel, Pattie Hall, Mark Heisohn, Barb Paulus, Patti Zerega, Mark Zimmerman, Father Sebastian

**OPENING PRAYER:** Corinne Bardgett

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

Prior to the meeting, Celeste made all requested changes to the March 2019 OLS Parish Council minutes, and they were approved.

**SCCA STRATEGIC PLAN:** Corinne Bardgett

Corinne attended the SCCA Strategic Plan meeting. They determined that they have five areas of focus. They had an overall presentation and then broke up into the five different groups.

**1. MARKETING AND ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT:**

They have a lot of work to do. They will set up committees for individual areas. Through marketing, they can increase their enrollment. They are looking for volunteers in both parishes to get involved in their activities, including developing marketing and welcome plans, social media, etc.

**2. ACADEMIC PROGRAMMING:**

Their strategy must meet all Archdiocesan and State standards. They discussed the need for communication between school and families. Corinne stated that they need to add the parishes because we are all in this together. They also talked about teacher development which would keep and attract a higher quality staff. They explained how they are creating a “maker” space, where the students can get creative with the sciences. The space has been cleared out, and they are ready to move to the next phase.

**3. MISSION AND CATHOLIC IDENTITY:**

They discussed the shepherd’s program.

**4. FACILITIES:**

They are doing an assessment of the school building in order to use every square inch of available space, both inside and out. They talked about classroom learning spaces. This is something different where it is not a room of desks anymore, but rather a room with some desks, chairs, futons, etc. The reason for this is that it helps to control the students better because it allows them to get up and move. It’s an interesting change from the traditional classroom setting.

**5. FINANCE:**

They plan to do some creative fundraising and grant writing.

SCCA is currently using all classroom space. It was stated there may be some empty space toward the gym, but it may be storage space and not classroom space. Fr. Sebastian feels that the school's biggest problem is that there is not any free space in the building at all. One thought he had could be to keep K – 5<sup>th</sup> grades at SJA's campus and move 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grades to the OLS campus. Father also stated that the OLS parish must still contribute \$12K per month to SCCA, but the school uses the OLS facilities for all major activities – Breakfast with Santa, Band Concert, etc. – at no cost. The SJA school building does not have a library, and OLS has thousands of books, videos, etc. that could be used. A comment as to whether the question should be asked if the current situation is in the best interest of the students was brought forward. While 1 to 2 classrooms are virtually at capacity, the others are not currently full. Thirty students is considered a full classroom. Mark Zimmerman does not think the closing of St. James will push SCCA beyond its capacity because their enrollment was extremely small, with only approximately 57 total students, and most of their enrollment was outside of their parish due to its proximity to the highway.

SCCA is looking for volunteers, including any parishoners, in any of the 5 areas, and anyone with interest should contact Paul Kappel.

**SCCA VISIT:** Corinne Bardgett

The Principal of SCCA called Corinne and offered a tour of the school and to meet with her after the tour. Corinne, Barb Paulus, and Celeste Engel will take the tour next week, possibly on Monday, May 6, 2019.

**DONUT SUNDAY – MAY 5, 2019:** Volunteers

The Parish Council is scheduled to host Donut Sunday on May 5, 2019. Pattie Hall, Celeste Engel, and Doug Broleman will work the 10:00am Mass. Mark Heisohn volunteered for the 8:00am Mass. Mark Zimmerman will check his schedule and work one of them. We will use Fair Trade coffee.

**MOUSE RACES – May 17, 2019:** Corinne Bardgett

The Parish Council will have a table at the event. So far, Don and Kathy Franke, Patti Hall, Corinne and Tim Bardgett, and Doug and Judy Broleman will be at the PC table. Mark Zimmerman and Patti Zerega plan to get their own tables, Barb Paulus cannot attend, and Celeste Engel needs to check her schedule.

**FINANCE COUNCIL (BUILDING) REPORT:** Corinne Bardgett

**SCHOOL BUILDING:**

The only information that Corinne had was that the appraisal is completed and there is no movement on the building at this point.

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

All final bills are not in yet. So far, the net from the 6 Fish Frys is approximately \$5,000. An inspection is mandatory when running a Fish Fry. When the Fish Fry was run out of the Cafeteria kitchen, it fell under the umbrella of the Cafeteria inspection for the school food service. In order for OLS to avoid falling into violation for not having an inspection because we are now hosting the Fish Frys in the gym, Doug suggested having Kathy Newhouse set up an inspection to make sure we are covered. Father did not feel we needed to handle this immediately, but the inspectors would be welcome to stop by during next year's Fish Frys.

**PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS – JUNE 9, 2019:** Mark Heisohn and Mark Zimmerman

The normal rotation of 1/3 of the members (4 members out of 12) rolling off each year got out of sync because 2 years ago, 2 members left prior to completing their terms due to the closing of the school. Therefore, only 2 members will leave this year, but the 3-year term will be up for 6 members next year, and 4 members the following year. So, in 2 years, 10 of the 12 current members would be gone. With the progress currently being made, it is important to keep as many on board as possible. Therefore, Mark Zimmerman and Mark Heisohn got together to discuss options regarding future elections to the Parish Council, and they provided handouts with these options. They offered the Parish Council members 4 options, but they liked Option #1 the best. With this option, the rotation would change from 4 people off every 3 years to 3 people off every 4 years, and only 25% of the group would change yearly. To get caught up, in 2019, only 2 members would leave but 3 new members would be added. So there would be 13 PC members in 2019, 2020, and 2021, and then it would get back to the 4-year term with 3 on and 3 off each year. With this option, instead of 6 members rotating off in 2020, 3 will have to extend for an additional 4<sup>th</sup> year. The following year, the 4 members that were supposed to rotate off would also extend another year in order to make this work. If Option #1 is not chosen, there will be a lot more turnover. They presented the 4 options which were open for discussion. It was felt that continuity is important, and the 4-year term was well-received. The members also agreed that the first year is a learning year, so a member would become more involved the next 3 years. After much discussion, Option #1 with the 4-year term was agreed upon. Barb Paulus volunteered to update the by-laws. This year, Doug Broleman and Don Franke will rotate off. It was suggested that we contact some of the young adults, new parishoners, and 1 or 2 names from the Men's Club and Women's Guild to get a good mix of potential new members. An announcement will also be placed in the bulletin. Doug Broleman, Don Franke, and Celeste Engel will make phone calls to see if recommended people are interested in joining. On June 9, 2019, the names of the new PC members will be pulled out of a hat at Mass.

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

The dinner was originally scheduled for Friday, June 21, 2019, at 6:30pm, but because so many PC members are unavailable that night, the date may need to be changed.

**FEAST OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS:** Corinne Bardgett

The Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows will be held on Sunday, September 15, 2019.

**COMMISSION UPDATE:** Mark Zimmerman

All 4 Commissions held their initial individual meetings. Mark Zimmerman stated that the Education Commission meeting went well, where the different groups started to gel immediately. Mark Heisohn also saw inter-workings in the Fellowship Commission meeting. The Parish Council will now need to talk about goals for next year, and the Commission heads plan to meet prior to the next set of meetings, which will all be held in the August-September timeframe. Mark Zimmerman will schedule that meeting prior to breaking for the summer.

**OLS PICNIC BOOTH:** Patti Hall

Patti had the initial schedule of workers from Don Franke, and Corinne will send out an email requesting availability for additional workers in the Krazy Kans booth.

**SMALL RELATIONSHIP BUILDING DINNERS WITH FR. SEBASTIAN:** Barb Paulus

The first two dinners have been very well-received, and the invitees stayed until 9:00pm talking and getting to know one another. Young adults were invited to both of these dinners, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> one, which is scheduled for Monday, May 20, 2019, will be for additional Young Adults.

**TRAINING:** Corinne Bardgett

- June 8, 2019, 8:00am – noon: How to Grow an Engaged Church.
- August 24, 2019: Pastoral Council Annual Workshop. All PC members were encouraged to attend the workshop, even if they attended one in the past. Members should let Corinne know if they plan to attend.

**NEXT MEETING** – Tuesday, May 28, 2019

**ADJOURNMENT:** 8:00pm

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Father Sebastian

**SUBMITTED BY:** Celeste Engel