

OLA Parish Council

Unapproved Meeting Minutes

January 5, 2017

I. Attendance:

Present: Fr. Mike Resop, Terra Naumowich, Deb McCann, John Breiten, Rachel Braun, John Searle, Sandy Blevins, Mariana Ramirez

Absent: Frank McKearn, Sarah Carter, Bekki Zammuto

Guests: OLA staff: Laura Warzecha, Randy Gracyalny, Gino Finn, Rachel Shepperd, Rob Olsen, and Trevor Seivert; Roger Kemman, Finance Council

II. Call to Order/ Opening Prayer

The meeting was called to order at 8:14pm with prayer.

III. Approval of Agenda

The meeting agenda was approved.

IV. Approval of minutes from last meeting

The minutes were approved as submitted.

V. Commission Reports- Please remember: Commissions will meet the first Thursday of each month at 6:30pm followed by Parish Council meeting at 8pm. **Full minutes from commission meetings will be forthcoming. Highlights are as follows:**

A. Liturgy Commission- There was no January meeting. All are encouraged to attend the January 8th Christmas tear down after the 10:30 mass. Our Lady of Guadalupe was well attended on December 12th. Members of the Council have fielded questions concerning moving the tabernacle which will be completed in the upcoming months. Further education of the parish will be needed before then and is in the process of being developed.

B. Education Commission-

- **School:** Trevor reports that Catholic Schools week is January 28th thru February 5th. Many activities are planned; Trevor will be speaking at cluster parishes, there is a children's mass on January 29th, February 4th is the pasta dinner which will include an open house of the school, current school parents will be speaking at masses to share their school experience.

The school is looking to make available insurance for the newly added Chrome Books. The extended child care program continues to be developed for the 2017-18 school year. Trevor will be providing the business plan to the Finance Council in February and parishioners will be receiving a survey to gauge interest in the program.

- **Faith Formation** Rob Olsen reports that the First Reconciliation Sacrament was completed and plans are in place to make reconciliation available during Wednesday night Faith Formation classes during Lent. Despite the snow storm, Adventure Sunday was successful and had a great turnout. Adult Education continues to be planned in conjunction with the Social Justice Commission on immigration. There will be more information posted in the bulletin about the upcoming opportunities. See also more details in the Social Justice Commission report.
- **Daycare:** Rachel reminds us to “like” the Child Care page on Facebook as an additional marketing tool. There are upcoming days in which the school is closed, but the child care center will be open. They are preparing to participate for many of the activities of Catholic Schools week. Beginning in January, the fast management payment system will be live. Registration for the 2017-18 school year will begin later this month. There are currently 20 children on the wait list for birth to 3 years.
- **Youth Ministry** Gino updated the Council on plans for Frassati fest 2017. The group has raised \$740 and seven teens will be going in February. Confirmation will be held on May 3rd. While OLA will not be hosting Love Begins Here this year, there are multiple opportunities for every age group to participate.

C. Parish Life Commission- no report, next meeting February 2017

D. Social Justice Commission- An immigration panel will be held on January 24th entitled “The Face of immigration and why the church cares”. The bulletin will contain additional information as well as the meeting minutes.

E. Stewardship Commission- Welcome packets for new parishioners continue to be developed. Time and Talent presentations to the Parish have been confirmed for October, while Treasure commitments are planned for November.

F. Finance Council Report- the Council will begin evaluating the business proposal for the school’s extended child care program. Another meeting is scheduled with the cluster parishes to discuss strategies for ensuring

continuous support of the school. The Parish Investment policy was approved. Each investment must meet criteria and this policy is routinely evaluated to maintain effectiveness. Date was reviewed from the Time, Talent and Treasure commitments. There was a 30% increase in pledges. However, the average pledge was down \$9 from previous years. Collected pledges are within 12% of anticipated pledges. These favorable results continue to show the ongoing commitment and growth of the parish. Budget numbers were reviewed and consistent with projections. The budgeting process for next fiscal year will begin this month.

VI. On Going Business

- A. Amendments of Bylaws:** John Breiten provided a copy of the by-laws. One minor correction is needed to reflect that terms for council members will begin July 1st. With this one exception, the Council unanimously voted to approve the changes. As per policy outlined in the bylaws, a second vote will be completed in February.
- B. Maintenance to Mission-** Gino will order the book *From Maintenance to Mission* for staff, parish council members and Chairs of each commission. They should be available by the February meeting. The goal is to complete the three sections by the end of the year with concrete plans.
 - i.** One mission promoting activity we have been involved with is the Hands of Faith Ministry. It was recently questioned as to whether the program should continue to take place in the school gym and cafeteria or whether Assumption hall would be a better forum with less intrusion on school events. The history of this ministry was discussed and perceptions from families, staff, and program coordinators were all considered. It is the consensus of the Council that the Hands of Faith Ministry should continue to be held in the school area. This provides a practical and real example of our faith to our school children, a true lesson in the Gospel. Assumption Hall continues to be available as needed should an unexpected emergency arise, but the ministry should continue to reside in the school. Many ideas were put forth on how to increase the presence of this ministry for the parish and school community.

VII. Updates-

A. Project 360- The original goal for this year was to raise \$25,000 and increase enrollment by 5 students. The current commitment is over \$14,000 and student enrollment is up. The trend would indicate that the current goals will be met. The current support has been from alumni and current families. During Catholic Schools Week, the rest of the parish will be asked to consider participation. Goals for the next year are currently being considered. It should be kept in mind that the money raised for this year is to be spent on school expenses this year. It is not an endowment. It is also important to note that with this program, the parish subsidy should eventually be lessened. Next year the other cluster parishes will be brought into the program and given the opportunity to participate.

B. State of the Parish Comments

- 1. Christmas Celebrations-** Many kind words and comments of gratitude were received for all those who participated and helped plan the Christmas celebrations.
- 2. Meeting minutes-** It was noted that the meeting minutes are posted in “draft” form. This is due to the desire to have a rapid turnaround for any interested parties. The minutes are not “official” until approved by the Council at the next month. This will continue to be our practice.

VIII. Closing Prayer – meeting adjourned with prayer at 9:15 pm

Next meeting: February 2nd at 8pm

Submitted by: Terra Naumowich