

OLA Parish Council

Meeting Minutes

February 2, 2017

I. Attendance:

Present: Fr. Mike Resop, Terra Naumowich, Deb McCann, John Breiten, Rachel Braun, Sandy Blevins, Sarah Carter, Frank McKearn, Bekki Zammuto, Mariana Ramirez

Absent: John Searle,

Guests: Staff: Laura Warzecha, Randy Gracyalny, Gino Finn, Rachel Shepperd, Rob Olsen, Trevor, Roger Kemman (finance council), Kathleen Klepsis-Wick (liturgy commission), Ellen Joyce (Social Justice commission), Ann Joyce (Stewardship commission), Richard Douglas (Parish Life commission).

II. Call to Order/ Opening Prayer

The meeting was called to order at 8:06pm with prayer.

III. Maintenance to Mission- Council and Commission Leaders are present to discuss the first section of "*From Maintenance to Mission*". The group was tasked with reading chapters 1-4 for discussion prior to the meeting. The first section of the book talks about our identity as a faith community. The group is asked to reflect on whether we are a parish of maintenance or mission? Are we evangelizing? How do we nourish the parish to be "disciple-makers"? Discussion points are summarized below:

- We are currently a parish of maintenance and mission, but ready to move to mission.
- Stewardship should be defined as discipleship.
- The definition of evangelizing as put forth in the book was comforting from traditional misconceptions of evangelizing. It is everyone's job to evangelize.
- The desire for community is there. It is up to us to share the joy of the Gospel that will move us to mission. Moving to a mission orientation is an ongoing, continuous process, not something we can check off and be done.
- Many of us would benefit from understanding pre-Vatican II church community.
- We need to draw our youth into the evangelization process.

- Our society is an consumer driven society and too many think they can pick and choose which aspects of their religion they want to adopt. We need to present the best of Catholicism by example. It is necessary to accept personal responsibility for our faith.
- Perhaps we should consider that we spend most of our time for those that are coming, but not enough on those who are not present.
- Next month's meeting will include discussion and study of the next section of the book. Commission Leaders should set time aside on the meetings agenda to discuss the talking points above.

IV. Approval of Agenda

The meeting agenda was approved.

V. Approval of minutes from last meeting

The minutes were approved as submitted.

VI. 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 follow. Highlights are as follows:

A. Liturgy Commission

- The commission reviewed plans for Lent and continue to study each part of the mass in detail. The group discussed whether others in the Parish would enjoy and benefit from this type of detailed study of each part of the Mass.
- Plans continue to be developed for moving the tabernacle. Visual representations and cost considerations will be presented at March meeting.

B. Education Commission-

- 1. School:** Trevor reports that Catholic School's week is in full swing. There will be open house and pasta dinner this weekend. Chromebook insurance has been purchased. The PTO is beginning to work on fund raising and increasing volunteer participation. The education commission will focus on policy development. Details of the anticipated extended child care program have been presented to the finance council for implementation during the 2017-18 year.

2. Faith Formation- Rob updated the group on the recent First Communion Retreat held last weekend. It is noted that the Confirmation candidates served as buddies for the second graders with great success. Plans for Lent are being finalized: confessions will be available during faith formation evenings and adult bible study will be available. A generous donation from an anonymous parishioner will make available the book *Resisting Happiness* for all who desire to read and reflect.

3. Daycare- Rachel updates the council on current enrollment. There are 65 children and 3 infants will begin soon. There is a waitlist for applicants that continues to be reviewed.

4. Youth Ministry- Geno reports that 8 young adults will be going to Frassatifest in the Dells this weekend.

C. Parish Life Commission- no report. Will resume meetings in March.

D. Social Justice Commission- the 16:49 group for unaccompanied teens in Beloit presented at the meeting. The commission continues to seek ways to help support this group. There will be a Lip Sync fund raiser on February 18th. The immigration panel was well received and very impactful. Many immigrants shared personal stories of their journey.

E. Stewardship Commission- The calendar has been finalized for stewardship activities and welcome packets are being completed. The commission will be putting together a map showing where all parishioners reside in the hopes of encouraging awareness of our faith communities and getting to know others in our areas.

F. Finance Council Report- The budget process has begun. The finance council has been working with Trevor to finalize plans and tuition for the 2017-18 year in addition to reviewing the extended child care program. Maintenance projects for the physical environment at OLA have recently been reviewed with allocations for additional capital prioritized. Review of the current budget show positive trends and are exceeding current expectations.

VI. New Business

A. Cluster Parish Meeting- Fr. Mike recently spoke with pastors of the other cluster parishes. A meeting of pastors, parish council members, finance council, members and staff is set for March 30th at 6:30 pm. The meeting will be at St. Thomas and will offer an opportunity for the leadership teams at each location to become acquainted and discuss community issues.

VII. Ongoing Business

A. Amendments of Bylaws: John Breiten provided a copy of the by-laws. The filling of council vacancies was further clarified. As per the policy outlined in the bylaws, a second vote to accept the outlined changes occurred and was passed. John will provide a copy of the finalized bylaws to staff for inclusion on the website and kiosk.

B. Project 360- The next meeting for this group is scheduled for Thursday. Current projections suggest that the group will meet and/or exceed their goals for this year. Announcements will be made this weekend at all masses and mailing will be sent home to parishioners to seek additional participation in raising money for the annual fund.

VIII. Good of the Parish - Laura shared a humble and heart-felt thanks from a family that was recently part of the Hand-of-Faith program.

IX. Closing Prayer – meeting adjourned with prayer at 9:35 pm

Next meeting: March 2, 2017 in Assumption Hall

Submitted by: Terra Naumowich