

OLA Parish Council
Unapproved Meeting Minutes

June 8, 2017 8pm

I. Attendance:

Present: Fr. Mike Resop, Terra Naumowich, John Breiten, Rachel Braun, Sarah Carter, Sandy Blevins,

Absent/Excused: Deb McCann, John Searle, Frank McKearn, Bekki Zammuto, Mariana Ramirez

Guests: OLA staff: Laura Warzecha, Gino Finn, Rachel Shepperd, Rob Olsen, and Trevor Seivert

II. Call to Order/ Opening Prayer

The meeting was called to order at 8:09pm with prayer.

III. From Maintenance to Mission- Reflection with Council members and Commission Leadership- please see additional comments and thoughts following the formal meeting minutes.

IV. Approval of Agenda

The meeting agenda was approved.

V. Approval of minutes from last meeting

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 be forthcoming. Highlights are as follows:**

A. Liturgy Commission- Plans to move the tabernacle behind the alter which is a directive from Bishop Morlino continue. This move will be complete by fall of 2018.

B. Education Commission-

- **School:** The accreditation process will begin in the fall of 2017. This is a two year process; the first year is a self-study and an evaluation team will be on-site in 2018. 118 children are enrolled for 2017-18 academic year with anticipation of a few more. This exceeds the 2017 enrollment.
- **Youth Ministry-** Love Begins Here will be starting soon. Eight high school students will be participating in Monroe and five middle schoolers will be serving in Madison.
- **Child Care:** Sixty-seven are enrolled in child care for the summer. OLA school and daycare are sponsoring the Dirty Dash on August 19th. Kids and families are encouraged to sign up. Discounts for OLA members will be available. Volunteers are needed; please contact Rachel.

- **Faith Formation:** 45 children are currently enrolled to participate in VBS starting next week. Rob continues to offer baptism preparation. There are many new families and children preparing for the sacraments.
- **Adult Education:** Adult VBS is also available next Tuesday with morning and evening sessions. Mary Jean Olson will begin her ministry with adult education on July 1st and Adam Gracyalny will begin working with the youth ministry and young adults. Currently there are four RCIA candidates from OLA and two from the cluster parishes.

C. Parish Life Commission-no report

D. Stewardship Commission- The welcome packets are finalized.

E. Social Justice Commission- Goals and calendar of activities for 2017-18 are being developed and finalized.

F. Finance Council Report- Budget for 2017-18 is being finalized (see discussion below). Review of 2016-17 final numbers completed.

VI. New Business

A. 2017-2018 Parish Budget- Dennis Ezdon reported to the council. The fiscal year ended with very positive results. Envelope collections were up over budget by almost \$30,000, the value of investments rose substantially, and the school will meet budget projections. The child care program also will show a profit this year, while other programs and ministries will break even. This is the first year in over three years that the budget was balanced or slightly ahead of projections. The additional income will allow much needed capital improvements to occur. These projects had been on hold given declining income and uncertainty.

B. August Social Meeting- Plans for the social event to welcome incoming council members is set for August 3rd. Final details will be sent out when available.

C. Member Rotation- In addition to the previously discussed council vacancies, Sarah Carter announces her resignation as her family moves to Janesville. Gail Hotchkiss and Amy Jacobson have accepted and will begin fulfilling their 3 year terms in August.

VII. Updates-

D. Project 360- The first year of this project is completed and it has exceeded its original goal. Final contributions are estimated to be close to \$35,000 (original goal \$25,000). Great job to the entire committee!

VIII. Good of the Parish

- A. Many positive comments and emails have been received recently. These affirm the great job our staff is doing.
- B. The jubilee celebration for Monsignor Ray Kertz was well attended. The committee did an excellent job of planning and preparing.

Closing Prayer – meeting adjourned with prayer at 9:22 pm

Submitted by: Terra Naumowich

From Maintenance to Mission

Review of Archbishop Jerome ListECKi's letter on Mission

Discussion Points

- Many examples of discipleship are apparent in our parish as we reflect. Some are huge and satisfying like those involved and directing the annual fund project, teachers, staff, social justice workers; while others are small and just as meaningful. They are abundant.
- There is great satisfaction in serving others. IT FEELS GOOD. How do we extend this to get others involved? It will help us all grow in faith and in community.
- The most apparent examples of discipleship are those actions grounded in faith, not for show or recognition.