

OLA Parish Council

Meeting Minutes

October 6, 2016

I. Attendance:

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

Absent: none

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 8:10pm with prayer and reflection on the Parish Mission Statement.

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. Jeanne Berner is secretary and holds the Master Calendar. She is also supports the parish bulletin. Submissions should be to her by Monday of the week to be published.

Full minutes from commission meetings will be forthcoming. Highlights are as follows:

A. Liturgy Commission- Upcoming events were reviewed

B. Education Commission- Chrome books have arrived and are installed. Uniforms are a hot topic and uniform standards plan to be implemented for the school year 2017-2018. Plans for the October 31st Halloween parade are underway. A new Catholic Mom's group is being formed. This group will meet October 11th from 7-9pm. Rob reports that the faith formation census continues to grow with 120+ children. Additional Catechists are needed. There are currently 2 RCIA candidates in the cluster parishes. The high school faith formation classes include 75 students and 45 confirmation candidates. All parishioners and high school students are encouraged to attend the faithful citizenship presentations on Sunday October 9th from 4-5pm.

C. Parish Life Commission- The *Great Chili Cook-off* will be held again on Saturday, November 5th. Welcome Packets for new parishioners are being put together

- D. Social Justice Commission-** A new social worker from the Salvation Army is in place to administer the God's Fund. Thanksgiving dinner for all those alone on the holiday will be held on Thanksgiving Day from 11:30-1:30pm. All are invited and more details will be forthcoming.
- E. Stewardship Commission-** Commitment Cards have been approved and will be distributed to the parishioners during the Masses on the first weekend of November. The next meeting for the school endowment group is next week.
- F. Finance Council Report-** The budget has been reviewed for any early signs of variances. The Annual Report has been approved and will be sent to all parishioners next week. The Finance Council has met with other parishes of the cluster to ensure each community is working together to support the school to assure future growth and sustainability as the only Catholic elementary school in the area.

VI. New Business

- A. Amendments of Bylaws:** John Breiten provided a copy of the by-laws. Updates to the Parish Mission have been completed. Commissions have been updated. The dates/timing of the meetings will need to be changed. Discussion concerning the filling of council vacancies will be discussed at the November meeting.

VII. Ongoing Business

- A. Fall Festival:** The new Saturday evening event was well attended. While it did not raise money, it was a success with great attendance and sense of community. Breakfast numbers were slightly down. Raffle sales were up from last year. Parish Life committee will be evaluating the event to consider what additional events can be added to appeal to families and whether or not the events should all occur on the same weekend.

VIII. Updates-

- A. Council Roster-** Terra will update current Council roster for distribution via email.

IX. Closing Prayer – meeting adjourned with prayer at 9:17 pm

Next meeting: November 3, 2016 at 8pm