

OLS Parish Council Meeting Minutes February 25, 2019

DATE: February 25, 2019

ATTENDEES: Fr. Quealy, Rafael Mora (VP), Jim Trier (P), Holly Walsh (RS), Jen DeMilio, Ray Tocci, Joan Pantanelli, Margaret Kamna

ABSENT:

EXCUSED: George Czerniewski, Fr. Paul, Kim Baumstark, Joe Scavone, Russell Smith

ACTION ITEMS:

- March 25th – Next meeting
- April 29th -- Last Meeting and social
NB: Meeting moved to this date of month due to Easter on 4/21
- May - NO MEETING -MEMORIAL DAY

Fr. Quealy opened the meeting with a prayer at 7:38 PM. Ray Tocci approved the minutes and Fr. Quealy seconded.

School Parents Committee -- Kim Baumstark

- Not in attendance (apologies conflicts)
- Jen DeMilio: Have you ever thought of holding a night time open school?
 - First I will say in response to minutes suggestions that we have explored evening Open School Week agendas but cannot expect teachers to attend after hours. Additionally, it would not allow prospective families to see first hand, classes in session. Touring Tuesdays, where parents make appointments to visit during the mornings throughout the year and a designated OLS week has been working out well. I believe our numbers are looking strong for the coming year but don't have official details yet.
- STEAM Academic Fair for grades 1,3,5 and 7 is on March 13th.
- St. Patrick's Day Parade is March 9th. Unsure if school will march?
- Basketball Tourney was a success. Approx. 60 participants of all ages!

Brown Bag Sunday

- NO Outreach anymore. Disbanded because low attendance.
- George Grey has taken on most of the Brown bag Sunday
- Really need volunteers to head up the brown bag Sunday

Men's Club – George Czerniewski (President)

- Not in Attendance (apologies)
- The Men's Club will be hosting breakfast after the St Patrick's Day Parade Mass next Saturday March 9.
- Softball and Baseball season will be here in about 2 weeks.
- Basketball playoffs are ongoing. 8th grade girls have advanced to the semifinals. 6th grade boys also made it to semi finals.
- The NCAA event will take place on Monday April 8 in the gym.
- We would like permission to start selling tickets after Masses starting Saturday March 16.
- Golf outing is Thursday May 9, our biggest fundraiser of the year. We would like to invite Fr Quealy and Fr. Paul to join us for dinner if available 6pm.
- Super Bowl pool was a success raising \$2500.

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Our Lady's Guild – Margaret Kamna

- January was potluck and penny bingo
- February was a spiritual and physical heart health awareness with a prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
- March meeting on March 11- Irish Fare
- Sunday April 7th- tentative pancake breakfast fundraiser and community building. Contingent on volunteers to run the show
- Sunday April 14th Easter Egg Hunt for Parish, School, and Religious Education children

Choir – Joan Pantanelli

- Choir could use male voices!
- Practicing for Easter Program, Lent, Holy Week.
- Attendance has been good.

Religious Education -- Jen DeMilio

- First Reconciliation went very well.
- Confessions during religious Education hours during Lent.
- First Holy Communion overview meeting February 25 with parents and kids. Tonight the meeting went fine.
- Focusing on Lent for the next couple weeks.
- Service project during Lent might be 40 bags for 40 days where they donate items.
- 4th graders want to do a service project for kids in Bolivia that sent over their bracelets with their story.
- March 18th Blessing of the Stoles for the 8th graders.
- April 6th Confirmation.
- May 11th First Holy Communion.

Fr. Quealy -- Pastor's Report

- Cardinal's appeal is underway we have raised \$17,000 to date. Last year we raised \$72,000 out of \$144,000. This year's goal went down to \$137,000. A note will be in the bulletin on February 10th.
- Manager from Aramark (general contracting company from Archdiocese) has been contacted and the new boilers installation is on schedule for week of Monday June 24th. Gym roof and boilers and a portion of the convent roof are asbestos free and are going to be replaced this summer.
- The new roof for the gym is estimated \$80,000 and we will need to get a permit. Also, an asbestos test was completed on the roof. There were trace amounts of asbestos on the chimney where it abuts the gym roof so now looking for asbestos abatement bids.
- Reconciliation Monday on April for Easter April 15th.
- March 6th Ash Wednesday. Easter is April 21st.
- 7:15 Fridays after Ash Wednesday are Stations of the Cross.
- OLS is going to celebrate 90 Years in 2019!
- Statue of Mary is damaged out front. Looking for a monument company to repair her mantle as she is 80 years old. An estimate from D'Ambrosio for repairing Statue, sandblasting brick of the shrine, sandblasting benches and repainting is \$8,000.
- Mary of the Wayside was built in 1939 was dedicated on May 7, 1939. Nearly 700 people came to dedicate the Shrine of Mary of the Wayside. Looking at May 7th or September to celebrate OLS 90th Anniversary and Mary of the Wayside's 80th Anniversary. From the words of Fr. Callahan Pastor of

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1939 “I built the Shrine so people would know there is a church here. From Mamaroneck Avenue you couldn’t see it from the road.”

Open Floor:

- Holly Walsh: Should we make this a year-long celebration asking the parish to send in their memories or pictures or anecdotes of Our Lady of Sorrows to the rectory? And we can publish anything that we get in the bulletin?
 - Fr. Quealy: yes, I’m looking forward to your ideas.

Fr. Quealy ended with a prayer at 8:20 PM. Rafael Mora made a motion to close meeting at 8:20. Seconded by Jen DeMilio.