

OLS Parish Council Meeting Minutes April 24, 2017

DATE: April 24, 2017

ATTENDEES: Gail Ryan, Holly Walsh (RS), Fr. Quealy, Rafael Mora, Russell Smith, Ray Tocci (P), Jen DeMilio, Don Devine (VP), George Czerniewski, Margaret Kamna, Jim Trier

ABSENT: Joe Scavone, Joan Pantanelli, Elizabeth DiLillo, Fr. Paul

EXCUSED:

ACTION ITEMS:

- Holly will publish in the bulletin: Optonline account olspc@optonline.com set up for Parish Council Ideas/ Questions to be submitted. Monitored by Parish Rep: Jim Trier and PC Executive committee.
- 2016-2017 PC Dates: 5/22
- Fr. Quealy, Gail Ryan: we will investigate this summer, and report in September, on Domus, and other youth ministries for our Parish kids to attend at OLS and intermingle with other Churches youth ministries.
- Print a FAQ sheet about our ministries and programs to include in a hand written thank you note by to new parishioners.

Fr. Quealy opened the meeting with a prayer at 7:30. Russ Smith approved the minutes and Margaret Kamna approved.

School Parents Committee -- Elizabeth DiLullo -- absent

Outreach – Gail Ryan

- Brown Bag Totals -- March 25/26 -- 312 lbs. of food and \$1,419
- Next Brown Bag Sunday for April 22/23
- Outreach Plans for Refugees/Immigrants
- Discussion of the ideas from Catholic Charities.
- Is it feasible for OLS to assist with any of the 10 Ideas presented? The Outreach Committee thought that OLS could sponsor the Coat Drive and Support a Family.
- The Coat Drive involves a 2-month commitment and OLS parish would be asked to collect coats, hats, scarves and gloves for refugees during the fall and winter seasons. The family would be one that Catholic Charities sponsors.
- Support a Family is also a 2 – 3 month plan. The OLS parish would be asked to donate items to a recently arrived refugee family in need. This family would be one that Catholic Charities sponsors
- Pastoral Council Meeting – April 1, 2017
- Discussion about:
 - Results of the Archdiocesan study on what keeps NY Catholics from Engaging With the Church and what makes NY Catholics more willing to return to their Faith? The Archdiocese hired Global Strategy Group (GSG) for this purpose. GSG asked two questions
 - 1. What keep NY Catholics from engaging with the Church?
 - 2. What makes NY Catholics more willing to return to their faith? Some of the themes that were taken away from this survey are:
 - Catholics at all levels are generally open to becoming more involved with their church through events or social engagement outside of Mass.

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- Catholics are looking for meaningful ways to serve their communities and opportunities to serve those in need are considered important and most appealing.
- Families are viewed as the core of the church and nurturing them and making them feel welcome should be a top priority.
- See enclosed minutes from the Pastoral Council Meeting.
 - The new Pre Cana Program. It includes Tools to engage, catechize and evangelize couples. Couples are led through steps that include a one-day in person experience and several at-home, online components which include the Catholic Couple Checkup and Prepare/Enrich premarital inventories.
- Deanery Meeting – April 4, 2017
 - There was a speaker was the Director of Youth Ministries of the Archdiocese of NY, Ella Milewska. The Office of Youth Ministries was opened in 2012. Discussion of how to engage Youth.
 - Several special events – April 29 NY Catholic
 - Youth Day at the Seminary; November – National
 - Catholic Youth Conference. People at the Office of Youth Ministries will help a parish when asked.
 - Dean’s Report – Discussion of what parishes had or are having parish missions. The Clusters should be planning these.
 - The Deans were asked to discuss parish boundaries in each parish. Msgr. Ferry will be meeting with each pastor in the Deanery to discuss the parish boundaries.
 - Discussion on how can parishes use social media to assist in communication? At the next Deanery meeting a speaker will discuss this.
- Domus: youth program at OLS?

Men’s Club – George Czerniewski

- April 3-NCAA Fundraiser in OLS Gym was biggest showing yet. \$3,000 came in but spent \$3,000
- Baseball field original estimate was \$5k now it is \$8k
- Baseball and softball in full swing
- Thursday May 11, golf outing
- \$1251 came in from the Easter Bread sale. Split 3 ways between school, mens club, parish
- End of year BBQ in June
- Sports night where we recognize all participants

Our Lady’s Guild – Margaret Kamna

- April 8 -- Easter Egg Hunt and Bonnet Contest was a big success 75 kids. Amazing amounts of donations. Introduced the Teal Egg Project to exchange eggs filled with candy for allergy free non -food filled eggs.
- Bake sale and Donations -- brought in \$350
- Many people were asking about the Parish and new programs and MK asked if we do a Parish Action Weekend
- May 8th is our next meeting. Thinking about doing a brunch for our end of year meeting instead of a dinner. To recognize the winner of the Giver Award.

Choir- Joan

- Choir is in our winding down stage for the year
- We hope everyone was pleased with our Holy Week program

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- RS: Would it be possible for the choir to have access to the Holy week Missalette a week before Holy Week? FR. Q: yes we are able to do that but about 150 have disappeared in the past year.
- Choir has been asked to sing at the mission May 8-10 at St. Pius.... On May 9th

Religious Education -- Jen DeMilio

- Confirmation April 22nd- 83 total confirmed with Bishop Walsh
- Communion May 13th
- 15-30 people attending movie night in the community room after 5pm mass this Sunday
- God is Not Dead part 2.
- Tony Belizzi is coming back May 3rd- speaking on the topic “bringing your family back to the church” at OLS 7:30 pm.
- RE is wrapping up. 4 more classes.

Pastor's Report – Fr. Quealy

- 1) Parish Council: Ray and Don are retiring from their posts on Parish Council are President and Vice President. Jim Trier will come on as President and Rafael Mora will preside as Vice President for 2017-2018 year.
- 2) ConEd Meeting regarding extending a gas line to the convent and school. The concern is that the lies extended won't have enough pressure to have heat. The trenches that have to be built will be the Parish responsibility. We must pay for up to 100 feet of piping as well. So 200 feet to convent and 150 feet to school. ConEd reporting that they are nearly 100% certain they can do this work logistically. Parish must get estimates now for work. Considering whether it makes sense to have a dual therm system fiscally speaking.
- 3) Keep in mind that a committee is needed for the Capital Campaign.
- 4) Revive is coming up on May 8-10. It's the old mission mentality where the priest will do a talk, discussion, prayer.... Our Choir will be there Tuesday.
- 5) Roof has not been repaired yet.

• Open Floor:

- Jim Trier: what are the Parish Boundaries? Fr. Q: OLS boundaries Ridgeway, North Street, Old Mamaroneck Avenue, Bloomingdale road by NY Presbyterian Hospital
- Gail: At the Deanery meeting discussed Parish Boundaries, but the Deanery is concerned that some Parishes should be in Northern Westchester not necessarily Westchester.

Rafael Mora made a motion to close meeting at 8:39. Seconded by Russ Smith.

SEE YOU ON May 22 for our end of year social!