

OLS Parish Council Meeting Minutes September 25, 2017

DATE: September 25, 2017

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

ABSENT: Elizabeth DiLillo

EXCUSED: Ray Tocci, Joe Scavone, Gail Ryan, Fr. Paul, Russell Smith

MEETING SCHEDULE:

- September 25th, October 23th, November 27th, December – NO MEETING
2018 January 22rd, February 26th, March 26th, April 23th Last meeting and social, May - NO MEETING
- MEMORIAL DAY

Fr. Quealy opened the meeting with a prayer at 7:33. Margaret Kamna approved the minutes and Jen DeMilio.

School Parents Committee -- Elizabeth DiLullo ABSENT

Outreach Committee – Gail Ryan – moved; need a new chair person

Men's Club – George Czerniewski

- Golf Outing was successful raised about \$8-10k back in May. Popular event.
- Our first event of the year is on Thursday. The Steak dinner at WH. RSVPs are light so hoping for a last minute burst of attendees.
- So far our funds seems sufficient for the basketball needs so we are in the clear for the moment.
- Planning for end of year Christmas Party.

Our Lady's Guild – Margaret Kamna

- Couldn't plan the "Parish Action Day" this summer. This is a "meet and greet" for all parish ministries to set up a table to attract participants. Like a "ministry fair"
- Board decided to put elections to spring so participants get the year to get to know the guild and positions.
- 9/11 first meeting. Special Prayer service of those we all lost. Our year in review. Attended by 20
- Focus on membership and fundraising this year to support our many programs for parish and community
- Our first philanthropy will be Operation Blessing: donating gift cards in \$25 increments to Operation Blessing to send to victims of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma.
- October 16 Meeting -- wine tasting fundraiser. \$10 to get in if Aries Wine confirms they are available for this date. Might be a little more if we must provide the food and wine....

Choir -- Joan Pantanelli

- Started choir last week but the turn out was not very good. Hopeful more people will show.
- Lillian Pelligrini who was in the choir had a stroke. She's in Burke and doing well but keep her in your prayers please.
- Starting to practice our Christmas program already.

Religious Education -- Jen DeMilio

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- Week 4 already-350 kids enrolled
- Parents meeting last night went well
- Communion Saturday before Mother's Day May 12. Bishop Walsh. About 76
- Confirmation April 28- about 82
- Catholic Movie Night- 10 people attended Touch of Grace last night 9/24. Content is from PureFlix.

Fr. Quealy- Pastor's Report

- 1) Welcome to Jim Trier as our President and Rafael Mora our Vice President. Holly Walsh is returning as Recording Secretary.
- 2) We replaced the hallway rug, sacristy rug. Hope to replace the Community Room rug soon.
- 3) Hurricane Harvey Relief collection was \$8,400, Hurricane Irma relief was \$5,700, and Archdiocese asked for another emergency collection for The Earthquakes and Hurricane Maria on October 8. There will be 3 collections. The Debt reduction collection will end on 2nd Sunday of December. We raised \$157,000 on that Debt reduction collection in the past 4 years. So we will be able to pay 1/3 of the Archdiocesan loan and take care of the rest of the loan through regular income.
- 4) Also, the Renew & Rebuild Capital campaign is restricted income and will not be taxed by Arch.
- 5) The Convent kitchen has finally been finished. There was a problem with the floors but the contractor fixed it.
- 6) The back hill behind the convent washed away over the years so we put in 3 inches of top soil and reseeded. The trees were trimmed.
- 7) Concrete had dropped away from the sill of the door on the parking lot side of the church so it was repaired.
- 8) Gail Ryan moved to Greenburg. We are looking for a new chairperson for the outreach committee.
- 9) Renew and Rebuild campaign. We have an initial Campaign committee but we need more volunteers. We have raised \$460,000 in pledges; we need \$1.4 Million. I spoke to the parents of the school and Religious Education Parents with pledge forms for a sizeable donation. Currently we have reaching out to people for donations of \$10k-\$25k to gain momentum. In October and November we will reach out to the entire parish. If we can get 100 Parishioners to pledge \$10k (only \$2,000 per year) the campaign will be successful.
- 10) Rosary booklets will be given out this Sunday. And we have purchased the Advent & Christmas books to put out in November
- 11) In November, (tentatively 19th) the Paulist Priest that spoke to us about the Propagation of the Faith, this summer would like to present to the Parish "Keeping the Holidays Holy". He will say the 12:00 mass and then he will give his talk for all who want to stay.

Open Floor:

- MK -- would you be opposed to us using the Community room for a Christmas (December 3 is first Sunday of Advent) around the world during Advent? We ask Parishioners to display their own personal Nativity sets that may be from a different country or ethnicity.
 - FQ- Would it be more feasible or educational if we made it available during RE at the school in the gym?
 - Jen DeMilio and Margaret Kamna will discuss to plan an event together.
- JP -- Does this rosary booklet contain the luminous and sorrowful etc mysteries?
 - Fr Q- yes.

Fr. Quealy ended with a prayer at 8:19. Margaret Kamna made a motion to close meeting at 8:21. Seconded by Joan Pantanelli. SEE YOU ON October 23 for our next meeting!