

OLS Parish Council Meeting Minutes October 24th, 2016

DATE: October 24, 2016

ATTENDEES: Jim Trier, Gail Ryan, Holly Walsh (RS), Fr. Quealy, Fr. Paul, Margaret Kamna, Joan Pantanelli, Russell Smith, Elizabeth DuLillo, Ray Tocci (P), Rafael Mora

ABSENT: Jen DeMilio, Don Devine (VP), George Czierzinski,

EXCUSED: Joe Scavone

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.
- Holly will publish about Our Lady's Guild Instagram and Facebook pages.
- 2016-2017 PC Dates: 11/28, December- no meeting, 1/23, 2/27, 3/27, 4/24, 5/22

Fr. Quealy opened the meeting with a prayer at 7:36 pm. Jim Trier moved to approve the minutes from the October 24 meeting and Joan Pantanelli second. The minutes were approved by the Council.

School Parents Committee -- Elizabeth DiLullo (Absent)

Outreach – Gail Ryan

- Did not meet in October; no news to report.

Men's Club – George Czerniewski (Absent)

Our Lady's Guild – Margaret Kamna was absent; Holly Walsh Reported

- November 14- Holiday Shopping Night
- Will publish the whole Our Lady's Guild Schedule
- My Sister's Place is honoring Our Lady's Guild and Trish Dadario this year at the Braeburn Country Club on October 27th for all our fundraising efforts. Last year we raised \$4,000. Tickets are \$175

Choir – Joan Pantanelli

- Sunday October 30 we will host a meet and greet after 10:30 am Mass to recruit new members
- Filipino concert at St. Pius had to be cancelled due to visa problems
- Choir is starting Christmas rehearsals doing Saturday Christmas Eve and Sunday Christmas Day mass.

Making All Things New -- Jim Trier

- Nothing new to report.

Religious Education- Jen DeMilio (Absent)

Fr. Quealy- Pastor's Report

- 1) Jen DeMilio had a Religious Ed living Rosary in the school gym and it was beautiful.
- 2) Welcome Rafael Mora; he is joining us as a Parish Representative.
- 3) Sister Laura sent out an SOS letter requesting help for her community in Peekskill. Four of the 8 boilers are dead. We need to get the word out for grant writers, donations.
 - a. Joan Pantanelli asked if the Archdiocese will help and Fr. Quealy replied perhaps with a loan.

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- b. Rafael Mora noted that since it is a private order of nuns they are able to accept private donations.
- 4) Repairing the Convent
 - a. Will Relusco has $\frac{3}{4}$ of the kitchen renovated. New dishwasher and range purchased. It looks beautiful. Jim Avery, parishioner, painted the ceilings, patched the water damage. A hallway that might be leaking separates the Convent chapel. Jim Avery plastered and prepped it so it looks clean but we are waiting through the winter and spring to see if there is a leak as the snow melts.
- 5) Several lights in the school gym that were just replaced burned out. They were replaced again and they were under warranty.
- 6) Two new Parish Trustees are appointed: Ann Colucci and Kyle Walsh.
- 7) Parish Financials are almost ready to send down to the Archdiocese.
- 8) Parish doing sufficiently well. We are trying to pay down our Chase bank loan by summer.
- 9) Only \$140,000 in the Archdiocesan debt.
- 10) Capital Campaign for all Parishes in Archdiocese is coming up and being organized by a fundraising company. We are possibly looking at a \$1.5m responsibility over a 5-year payment plan.

Open Floor:

- Holly Walsh added that the Lady's Guild is running an Instagram page that has several guest takeovers. These guests are popular Catholic Instagrammers that are posting beautiful, faithful, Catholic posts. Everyone is encouraged to follow @olsladysguild on Instagram and Facebook.
- Joan Pantanelli asked if what is going on downtown (wondering where the money is going) will influence our Capital Campaign contributions as it did with our Cardinals appeal.
 - Fr. Quealy responded that we do need a breakdown of where the money is going, yes.
- Gail Ryan gave Father Quealy a big compliment saying "You have been an excellent steward to the parish by paying down the debt and being responsible during your time here as Pastor. You walked in to a mess."

Joan Pantanelli made a motion to close meeting at 8:29 pm. Seconded by Rafael Mora.

SEE YOU ON November 28!