

OLS Parish Council Meeting Minutes September 26, 2016

DATE: September 26, 2016

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

ABSENT: Jen DeMilio, Don Devine (VP), Ray Tocci (P), 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.
- 2016-2017 PC Dates: 10/24, 11/28, December- no meeting, 1/23, 2/27, 3/27, 4/24, 5/22

Fr. Paul opened the meeting with a prayer at 7:41 pm.

School Parents Committee -- Elizabeth DiLullo (absent)

Outreach – Gail Ryan

The Outreach Committee met on Wednesday, September 14, 2016 at 7:30

The Opening Prayer was The Prayer of St. Francis

The Mission Statement was read, as it is read at the beginning of each year:

“We strive to uphold the teachings of justice and charity by assisting the Parish to respond to the needs of the community by providing service and assisting those in desperate circumstances. We also work with other for changes in public policy to protect people’s basic human rights. We provide direct support to the Food Bank of Westchester, Furniture Sharehouse, Catholic Charities, the Blood Bank for White Plains Hospital, and Bread for the World, to name a few. The Committee meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month (September through June) at 7:20 pm in the community room. All are welcome”.

BROWN BAG TOTALS FOR THE SUMMER OF 2016

June	206 lbs. of food and \$1,703
July	266 lbs. of food and \$1,170
August	242 lbs. of food and \$1,307

The need for volunteers for Brown Bag Sundays for was addressed with Jen DeMilio. Starting in September students in grades 7 and 8 will assist with collecting food and money during the masses on Brown Bag Sundays. In this way they will assist the Outreach volunteers and also add to their volunteer activities for confirmation. Some of the 7th and 8th grade volunteers will go to the Food Bank in Elmsford and volunteer to help gather food for the various food pantries in Westchester. The will begin Oct. 10th from 12 – 2 and the second volunteer day will be Dec. 15th from 4 -6. Mr. and Mrs. George Grey of the Outreach Committee will be at the Food Bank to join the OLS teens.

Calendar for Outreach Meetings and Brown Bag Sundays as distributed

Letter from Bob Krauskoff, the original Outreach Facilitator, was distributed. See attached. The letter

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addressed ideas for the current racial unrest in our country. It was determined that the Outreach Committee would read the book: Just Mercy by Bryan Stevenson and then invite the parish to participate in an Adult Study Group discussing the book.

St. Francis' Prayer – It was discussed that perhaps the whole parish could recite St. Francis' Prayer during the World Day of Prayer in October. Perhaps the McMahon Funeral Home could print the prayer or the prayer could be purchased.

Pastoral Council Meeting – Sept. 17th – Gail Ryan attended the meeting.

There were two main agendas for the meeting:

Report of the Archdiocesan Religious Education Planning Committee – Sr. Joan Curtin, CND, Director of Religious Education was the speaker and she distributed a booklet listing all the recommendations for Religious Education in all the parishes in the Archdiocese. Sr. Joan explained each segment of the guidelines and the fact that the Religious Education Coordinator and the Pastor are the main people entrusted to follow the guidelines.

Overview of Hispanic Ministries – Wanda Vasquez, J.D., director of Hispanic Ministries. Ms. Vasquez presented an overview of all the initiatives for Hispanic Ministries in the Archdiocese.

Men's Club – George Czerniewski (absent)

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

- First meeting was September 12. It was a gathering of ideas
- October 17 -- 2nd meeting with Oktoberfest theme, beer tasting, 7 sorrows rosary
- 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

Adult Choir – Joan Pantanelli

- The choir thanks you for the light in the stairwell up to the choir loft
- Introduced Russell Smith who is a Eucharistic Minister, Leader of Song, Busy Lawyer and also Joan's replacement on Parish Council for when she feels she can no longer attend.
- Choir would like to investigate the cost of getting an elevator or chair lift installed up to the choir loft.
 - Father Quealy will get someone to come out and give us an estimate.
- Choir is planning the Christmas music

Making All Things New -- Jim Trier

- Nothing new to report.

Religious Education- Jen DeMilio (absent)

Fr. Quealy- Pastor's Report

- 1) Raphael Mora will be joining PC as a parish representative
- 2) A lot of new families are moving into the neighborhood requesting sacraments for them and their kids.
 - a. Three RCIA adults will go through the program at St. Pius or Immaculate Heart of Mary and will receive the Sacrament on Easter at OLS.

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- 3) It was a very busy summer taking care of the property
 - a. Divided the school parking lot into 3 plans
 - b. This year we completely repaved the crescent and driveway
 - c. Next summer the extension of driveways and convent driveway will be repaved
 - d. The year after that we pave the main parking lot and mitigate the tree stump and roots that is pushing its way through the current lot
- 4) Repairing the Convent will be another 3 year project
 - a. A new contractor, Franzoso, came to install and replace the skylights in the convent that were leaking
 - b. Another contractor is coming to renovate the kitchen in the next month: installing a new dishwasher, stove, update the plumbing and electric
 - c. Jim Avery, the painter who is a parishioner, will also come to patch and paint the convent
 - d. The hallway to the chapel has brick walls that have calcified water on the walls. We investigated and determined that the roof is the original roof and needs to be totally removed and repaired. However, because it is original we suspect asbestos that must be mitigated before we can start the repairs. We will wait until summer to complete this so the children are not present
 - e. Joannie offered free scaffolding to any of the contractors that need to use scaffolding.
- 5) Last year one bank debt was completely paid off and hopefully the second bank debt will be paid down by summer
- 6) A November budget should be available from the archdiocese. December will be the meeting with the Parish Trustees to look over the budget. The official budget will be ready for distribution by January.

Open Floor:

- Russell Smith enquired if the cluster meets regularly? Jim Trier replied that it does not.
- Russell Smith also enquired about the Vicariate and Gail Ryan answered it is now called the lay deanery and she does attend the meetings.
- Holly Walsh apologized for not sending out the reminder email. I did forget to hit “send” after composing the email.

Margaret Kamna made a motion to close meeting. Seconded by Joan Pantanelli at 8:46 pm.

SEE YOU ON October 24!