

## OLS Parish Council Meeting Minutes November 28, 2016

**DATE:** November 28, 2016

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

**ABSENT:** Jen DeMilio, George Czierzinski

**EXCUSED:** Joe Scavone

### **ACTION ITEMS:**

- Holly will publish in the bulletin: Optonline account [olspc@optonline.com](mailto:olspc@optonline.com) set up for Parish Council Ideas/ Questions to be submitted. Monitored by Parish Rep: Jim Trier and PC Executive committee.
- MATN will be dropped from the agenda for the next meeting
- Holly will publish about Our Lady's Guild Instagram and Facebook pages.
- 2016-2017 PC Dates: December- no meeting, 1/23, 2/27, 3/27, 4/24, 5/22

Fr. Quealy opened the meeting with a prayer at 7:33 pm. Russell Smith moved that the minutes of the October 24 meeting be approved; Don Devine seconded the motion.

### **School Parents Committee-Elizabeth DiLullo**

- Had our largest fundraiser at the end of October. Introduced online/mobile bidding. Very successful. Need final numbers.
- Students did the pancreatic cancer walk fundraiser. Need final numbers.
- Book Fair was last week before Thanksgiving. Need final numbers
- 8<sup>th</sup> graders took the TACHs test.
- School Christmas Show is on the evening of December 20
- Open school week will start the January 30, 31, Feb 1.

### **Outreach – Gail Ryan**

- Brown Bag Totals:
  - October 22/23 -- \$1491 and 396 pounds of food\
  - November – there was no Brown Bag weekend in November. The Men's Club had their food drive in November
- Blood Bank – There was a Blood Drive in October and we did very well
- Book: Just Mercy by Bryan Stevenson - Bob Krauskoff suggested the Outreach Committee read the book in January or February, followed by a discussion. The goal would be for our parish to act on some of the ideas the Outreach Committee considers important.
- Deanery Report – Gail could not attend the meeting but minutes of the meeting were emailed after the Outreach Meeting.
  - Dear Deanery Council members, Please take a minute to browse the revamped Deanery website. [CLICK HERE](http://www.centralwestchesterdeanery.com/) or type on your browser <http://www.centralwestchesterdeanery.com/> and book mark it.
  - Please note the following important points regarding the website.
    1. You can now access Catholic bible, daily reflections, radio and TV, anywhere, 24/7 on your mobile smart phone or desktop. Please share this site with your parishioners so that they can also enjoy this easy access to Catholic resources
    2. The website's Best Practices page is designed for each of you to feel free to

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- write/contribute best practices and success stories from your parish for sharing with other parishes, which is at the heart of our mission. Please send us your stories for publication.
3. The Dean's Message page is designed for the Dean's messages on his priorities or any subject that he chooses to convey to the parishes in his Deanery.
  4. The 2016-2017 plan page will be a permanent reminder of what we agreed as our objectives and action plans for this year's success.
  5. If you have any suggestion/idea on how to make this website even better, we would appreciate your contribution. Now, take a minute to browse the site and bookmark it.
- 2016-2017 PLAN AND SCHEDULE PLAN MISSION: To share information, experience, and, where possible, resources to address problems and tasks of common interest; to work together on area concerns that cross parish lines; to serve as a liaison between the parishes and the Archdiocesan Pastoral Council; to assist the Regional Dean of Central Westchester; and to collaborate with the Clergy Conference on matters of pastoral concern.
- OBJECTIVES -- To support the "Making All Things New" initiatives as consistent with the Archdiocese of New York's and the Central Westchester Deanery's objectives and effectively help communicate these initiatives to the parishes of the Deanery. - - To communicate to the Deanery and the Pastoral Council feedback from parishes on all key matters of concern. - To help parishes implement best practices gathered from within the Deanery.
  - ACTION PLANS
    - 1. Assist/support the Dean on his priorities as communicated to the Council.
    - 2. Implement a personal call program to Parish Council presidents by current members of the Deanery Council in order to double the number of parishes participating in the Deanery Council meetings.
    - 3. Invite high profile speakers to at least half of Council meetings to speak about matters of high interest that could attract more participants to the Council meetings and possibly keep them coming. Suggested topics to include: discovering Christ's life, vocations, Formed, bereavement, eldercare/end-of-life, REP, Hispanic ministries, marriage and divorce....
    - 4. Communicate and disseminate more information through the Council website and promote the website to parishes as a valuable source of useful information.
    - 5. Help the parishes in our Deanery that who do not have a website to build one, as soon as possible.
    - 6. Ensure that all practical ideas and suggestions from Council members are captured, discussed and implemented.
  - SCHEDULE: - 2016: October 4, November 15, December 6 - 2017: February 7, March 7, April 4, May 2, June 6, October 3, November 2, December 5.

### Men's Club – George Czerniewski

- The Men's Club had a successful Steak Dinner event at the end of September raising enough funds to cover the expenses for the referees and league fees for this year's Basketball season.
- We also supported the Sisters of the Divine Compassion golf outing where Sister Cecile was honored
- We made a contribution to the Peter Looser Foundation which raises money for the education costs of children in our community who have lost a parent. Peter Looser was a past President of the OLS Men's Club and an active OLS parishioner and our contribution will help three OLS families who have experienced tragic losses.

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- Basketball season is now underway and concessions sales this past weekend were promising we are hoping to continue this trend.
- In November, representatives of the Men's Club collected about 200 pounds of non-perishable food and raised \$1000 for the Ecumenical Food Pantry.
- Our next event will be our annual Christmas Party, which will be announced this week followed by our Super Bowl pool fundraiser.

### **Our Lady's Guild – Margaret Kamna**

- November 14- Holiday Shopping Night, brought in \$600. This year was a big success we brought in 115 shoppers (last year 25 shoppers), sold raffle tickets in lieu of charging admission. Appetizers were donated from Domingo's, Emma's, Brother Jimmy's, Lola's-please support, Vendors already reserving for 2018
- December 12, catered dinner, \$15 for guests, paid members are free. December philanthropy is Our Shepherd's Flock. MaryAnn Martin is in charge of that.

### **Choir – Joan Pantanelli**

- Sunday October 30 hosted a meet and greet after 10:30 am mass to recruit new members. Recruited a few new ladies and 1 new man. Phyl's daughter and Chris's daughter will be joining us for Christmas program so we may not need to hire.
- Rehearsal's are Thursday please join us. This Thursday we are meeting in someone's house.
- Russell Smith attended a Presentation at St. Anthony's given by Father Sorgie. A very informative and enlightening history of liturgical music and the Church of the Lord. Considering asking him to present over here at OLS.

### **Making All Things New -- Jim Trier**

- Nothing new to report.
- Father Quealy has suspended MATN report for parish council.
- Archdiocese has announced a cluster mission to highlight a Mission throughout the year for the parishes in the cluster. Central Westchester and the Deanery will host this Cluster Mission for any and all parishes to attend. It's a mini parish retreat given by one of the order priests.

### **Religious Education -- Jen DeMilio**

- We (Religious Ed and School) went to the food bank and got a tour and packed 350 homework bags that kids will pick up on a Friday filled with food for the weekend.
- November we did a lot of service: wrote letters to the veterans thanking for service, wrote letters to soldiers overseas, wrote thank you letters for Fr. Quealy and Fr. Paul
- Collected and shipped Halloween candy for soldiers and open arms shelters
- Made activity boxes Blythedale: patient or family members
- Right of Inscription ceremony for 8<sup>th</sup> graders and parents admitting they want to be confirmed
- Lighting of the tree ceremony December 10 after 5:00 Mass.
- December 11 religious education pageant
- Giving Tree with school
- 350 kids in the program; 1<sup>st</sup> grade is up to 50 kids.

### **Fr. Quealy- Pastor's Report**

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- 1) Sister Laura was in CBS news, journal news regarding her SOS for boilers. She has a website and raised \$123k.
  - a. Jen reported that she was there on Saturday and a lot of people donated and she is almost met her goal of \$250k
- 2) Repairing the Convent
  - a. Convent done
  - b. Chapel we are waiting to see if it leaks over winter by Spring
- 3) Repaired leak stains in community room
- 4) New Paschal Candle is up which is an oil canister. Will use the wax one for Easter.
- 5) New advent candle and wreath in memory of Pam Zawiski. The table was made by Tom Lane especially for Pam.
- 6) Gym lights fixed.
- 7) Soon Parish Trustees will meet with Father to go over the Parish Finances. Wednesday November 30.
- 8) 2<sup>nd</sup> bank loan of \$153k was paid off the day before Thanksgiving. Archdiocesan debt is in the wings.
- 9) Parish did give Sr. Laura a donation but we didn't do a collection because it would be taxed

### Open Floor:

- Russ Smith: is there interest on the Archdiocesan debt?
  - Fr. Quealy: Yes. 5%
- Ray Tocci: what will you do with the collection now?
  - Fr. Quealy we have to still pay the diocesan debt. \$2,400 every 3 months.
  - Also, Capital Campaign is coming up. The capital campaign we had 10 years ago was forgiven because this church was being built. This year, CC will be earmarked for Capital needs of parish. We have our list of things we need to get done so we will raise money for that and anything we raise above that will be set aside for future needs.
- Gail Ryan: Thank you Father Quealy for putting "FORMED" in the bulletin. IGreat for family.

Margaret Kamna made a motion to close meeting at 8:29 pm. Seconded by George Czierzinski.

SEE YOU ON JANUARY 23rd! No Meeting in December.

Merry Christmas.