Parish Council Meeting Minutes for June 26th, 2016

Members Present: Eric Ellingson, Rick Letada, Elsie Letada, Mary McDonald, Bob Ryalls, Teresa Nguyen, Dan Gibbs, Jackie Silvia, Father Julz Buena

Guests Present: BJ Bui, Linda Drexler

- Opened in prayer, led by Eric Ellinson
- Approved minutes from May meeting

Events:

- Comments that the Father's Day Breakfast on June 17 was nice and everyone had a good time.

- Thanks to the Knights of Columbus for the Saturday evening cookout they did on June 25th.

    - Several parishioners commented that they were appreciative that we did something on a Saturday night.

- Farewell Party for Father Julz
    - Event will be held on Sunday July 24th.
    - It will be a potluck brunch held at the Van Den Bogaard Hall
    - Dan will ask the Knights to provide fried chicken

- 100th Anniversary
    - Ongoing preparations are being made, but no new info or updates

Spring / Summer Cleanup Day

- Thanks to Jose Velasquez for organizing and leading the power washing crew.
- The church and church grounds are looking very beautiful this summer, thanks to everyone who has been part of the mowing crews and cleanup crew.

Joint Meeting with Finance Council

- Joint meeting will be held on the Parish Council's normal meeting date, the 3rd Sunday in September at 10:30 am.
- Finance Council and Parish Council will be meeting jointly to put together a list of long term budgetary goals and items that will need maintenance or renovation.

Roof Fix

- Roof fix seems to be holding.
- David Seckora still needs some help gluing shingles

Scholarship Committee

- Thanks to Roberta Racioppi and Karen Liberato who helped with choosing a scholarship recipient.
- Tram Phan was the recipient of the OLBS scholarship this year.
- Parish Council will put an announcement in the bulletin thanking the committee and announcing the recipient.

Parish Website

- Website is ready to go live
- All info on the website is updated and ready to go
- BJ to look into why some pictures that were posted have disappeared
- Site is live. Eric to put a note in the church bulletin and a card in the back of the church
- BJ Bui asked the council what their plan for a webmaster was. BJ was asked to create the website, but officially, nothing beyond that. The council affirmed that BJ has done a great job creating the website, and that they would like him to continue as webmaster to update information and make changes as needed.

Priest Transition / Parish Council Members

- With a new priest coming to our parish, new members are welcome. However, it is easier for the transition if we all stay on for the next year.
- It is customary for parish council members to resign their positions when a new priest arrives at a parish. This gives the new priest the opportunity to choose parish council members consistent with his goals.
- When Father Julz came to OLBS we all resigned our positions and then he asked us to stay on and help with the transition.
- Eric Ellingson is willing to remain the chairperson for another year

Parish Audit / Update on Office Manager Position

- On July 20th, the Diocease will be coming to do an audit of the OLBS parish
- Currently, we have not yet hired anyone to fill the Office Manager position. Father Julz said that we will continue with using volunteers on a temporary basis until the new priest arrives and can hire someone of his choosing.
- The audit will be a learning experience for Father Julz and the volunteers
- Father Julz expressed that he has leaned a lot in his time at OLBS. Our parish finances have improved a lot. All of the catedratecum has been paid off and now we are saving money for the future.
- Father Julz asked for our prayers as he moves to his new assignment.
- New priest will be Father Oscar. He will be on vacation until August 17th. Father Julz will be leaving for Norfolk on August 1st. Two different priests will say mass and fill in while Father Oscar is on vacation.

- Mark Drexler is currently doing the scheduling of servers for mass.

Hall Rentals

- Need to bring this up in the joint meeting with the Finance Council in September.
- It may be necessary to adjust prices as hall rentals have been down this year. We will try to look at the prices and review them every couple of years.
- Jonathan Kopacki is looking at getting quotes for redoing the floor in the hall.
    - Teresa Nguyen will talk to Eston Mills about submitting a bid. He is a parishioner who has experience laying tile. Eston helped out with a plumbing issue at the hall recently. He installed a new grease trap in the kitcken.

- The floor in the hall is not in crisis mode right now, but over the next 3-6 months it needs to be addressed.
- It was suggested by Bob Ryalls that we might need to bring back the stewardship committee to keep an eye on maintenance items and report things that need to be addressed back to Parish and Finance Councils.

Next Meeting will be on Sunday July 17th.

Closed in prayer led by Father Julz.