

**OUR LADY OF SORROWS
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 30, 2018**

ATTENDANCE:

Corinne Bardgett, Deacon Dan, Doug Broleman, Patti Zerega, Dick Zerega, Joe Pavlik, Barbara Paulus, Don Franke, Denise Klevorn, Celeste Engel, Ray Bockskopf, John Ross, and Fr. Sigmund

OPENING PRAYER AND REFLECTION:

Deacon Dan

GUEST PRESENTATION:

Paul Kappel, Co-Chair of the South City Catholic Academy (SCCA) Board, gave a presentation on ways the Our Lady of Sorrows community can stay in touch with SCCA and vice versa. He asked for our input on how to keep communication and coordination going between OLS and SCCA as well as talked about OLS parishioners adopting an SCCA band member. An adopt a band member scholarship currently exists but Paul will get us more information about how we can help other members of the SCCA band.

OLD BUSINESS:

Organizational Group Meeting with Parish Council--Corinne then updated us on the organizational group meeting scheduled for February 22 in the cafeteria. The theme will be "Cooperation, Communication and Coordination into the Future," and a letter from Fr. Sebastian and the parish council will be sent to all OLS groups, inviting one or two leaders from each group to attend the meeting. Wine, beer and snacks will be served and the agenda will include a short introduction about the vibrancy that exists in our parish followed by a brief introduction by each group. Questions to be addressed include what are the synergies of each organization, what activities will continue or what new ones will be introduced, what do the groups need, and what are helpful ways to communicate with each other. The parish council will set-up the cafeteria and Celeste Engel volunteered to pick-up the food for the evening.

Town Hall comments--

- Facebook committee—Corinne reported that she is just getting started on this and will put a request for volunteers to help with this committee in the bulletin.
- Insurance for use of Faenger Hall—Patti Zerega obtained a copy of the Archdiocesan Special Events Procedures which outlines insurance requirements for recurring events. Additionally, there is a Hold Harmless Agreement to be used for one-time events. There was some discussion regarding use of a paid event planner vs. a parish volunteer to open and close the hall if we do decide to rent it out. Fr. Sigmund stated

that some parishes have a stipulation in the contract that the renter hires someone to open and close the hall as well as ensuring clean-up after the event.

We then discussed broader topics from the town hall to consider and decided to table any further discussion until the February meeting.

School Building—Ray Bockskopf updated us on the two interested parties for converting the building into a charter school. Gateway Science Academy (GSA) wants to lease the building for their middle school (grades 6, 7 and 8) and wants a decision by the end of February. The lease would include use of the gym during school hours. The school would initially house about 300 students, growing to 400-450 over the next several years. Ray, Corinne and Dominic toured the GSA campus located at Epiphany Parish and they were impressed. The Archbishop and the pastors contacted by Fr. Sebastian have no objections to using the building for a charter school, however, the Archdiocesan Building Committee and the Catholic Education Office are both reluctant to agree to this. In addition to GSA, a new charter school, Tessera Hall, is also interested in leasing the building. This school is sponsored by UMSL and is an all girls school serving middle thru high school. The school would look to have about 200 students in grades 6 and 7 the first year and up to 600+ when all middle and high school classes are filled. It is run by alumni of St. Elizabeth's Academy.

Parishioner Email List Update—Ray Bockskopf talked with Ascension Parish and found out that they requested via their bulletin for parishioners to sign-up for an email list. There was some discussion regarding the differences between this email list and one that currently exists for funeral notices, the alumni list and the electronic newsletter. We tabled a decision until Ray can talk with Kate Harden about these differences.

Fish Fry—Doug Broleman reported that the room where the frying is done has been thoroughly cleaned and the fryers power-washed. The room has been painted and the floors scrubbed. The Men's Club accomplished the work. There will be no fish fry on Good Friday and due to a price increase in cod the price of meal will increase. We will also have a special sweetheart room for reservations on Ash Wednesday since it is Valentine's Day.

Boiler Status—Ray reported that we have received 2 bids to replace the condensation tank and compressor but since there is a large variance in the bid amounts, one contractor will be met with to discuss their bid.

Welcoming Committee Report—Marge Asbury gave a brief report and stated that the committee will now follow-up with new parishioners who have expressed interest in certain ministries. Connie Stoffel gave a report on the Greeters' Ministry and stated that we do have quite a few volunteer greeters but could use more. The greatest challenge is having greeters for the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday.

Welcome Back for Fr. Sebastian—Corinne reported that she has purchased some Indian candies and will put up a banner at the Coffee and Donuts on Sunday, February 4th.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:45 P.M.

CLOSING PRAYER: Corinne

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