

OUR LADY OF SORROWS
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 6, 2018

ATTENDANCE:

Corinne Bardgett, Doug Broleman, Patti Zerega, Dick Zerega, Joe Pavlik, Barbara Paulus, Denise Klevorn, Celeste Engel, Ray Bockskopf, John Ross, Dominic Grana and Fr. Sebastian

OPENING PRAYER AND REFLECTION:

Corinne

OLD BUSINESS:

Organizational Group Meeting with Parish Council—The meeting minutes will be sent out by Patti Zerega for Council review and approval. There was some discussion about the meeting with an overall positive reaction. The Council members felt that it was a good group in attendance and the overall spirit was good. There was some disappointment with the lack of ideas for fundraising activity. Dominic suggested follow-up with the group within the next month asking for feedback from the organizations. We will also ask each organization to furnish the Council with their meeting minutes, or at least a summary of the organization's activities.

Fundraising—Dominic discussed a fundraiser proposal left at his house which would entail parishoners contributing money each week for the purchase of Powerball Lottery tickets. After a brief discussion the Council voted not to pursue this. Joe Pavlik suggested an alphabet club but was unclear as to the details so he will research and prepare a proposal for the next Council meeting. He also suggested we bring back the Together We're Better program but Ray stated the accounting procedures are burdensome and we don't have anyone to run the program.

Building Committee Report—Dominic reported that the Archbishop has disapproved the proposal to lease the school building to a charter school. The pastors of St. Joan of Arc and St. Ambrose oppose the idea so we cannot do it. A developer will be contacted to explore other uses for the building. The Archdiocese has suggested a Head Start program.

Hall Rental Committee—John Ross and Patti Zerega will co-chair this committee to explore renting Faenger Hall for various activities. They will contact Nicole Williams about serving on the committee as well as someone from the Athletic Association and the Women's Guild. Joe Pavlik also volunteered to serve. The committee will bring forward proposals for hall rental to include pricing, recommended caterers, insurance information and any other considerations.

Memorial Statue for Kath Liermann—Patti Zerega was approached by a parishoner with this idea. Dominic stated that the Men's Club has agreed to donate \$150.00. The total cost would probably be around \$200.00 or \$250.00. After some discussion it was decided that

Patti should let the parishoner know that the Council does not object but she needs to take the lead on pursuing the idea.

Emergency Plan Committee—Doug Broleman will take the lead on arranging training in CPR, AED use, first aid, and fire extinguisher use. He will then advertise the training and solicit volunteers to attend. The training will be mandatory for all those who usher.

Young Married Couples Outreach—Corinne asked if anyone has any connections with any of the young married couples in the parish. Ray suggested the Welcoming Committee would be a good place to start so Corinne will contact Judy Broleman.

Town Hall comments--

- Facebook committee—Corinne reported that she, Kate Harden and Mary Kabbaz will work on the Facebook page and information and will rotate maintenance duties.
- Email Parishoner List update—Ray reported it is still a work in progress.

Fish Fry Status—Doug reported that the last fish fry was more profitable than the first two. We are now about \$200 ahead of where we were last year at this time. Attendance is definitely down.

Boiler Status—Dominic, Ray and Doug reported that progress is being made but still work to be done.

Pastor's Report—Fr. Sebastian is very disappointed with the Archbishop's response to our suggested use for the school building. He thinks the parish organizational meeting went well but has the sense that each organization wants to function individually rather than as a parish. He also reported that the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry is low on food and feels the loss of the school has had an impact. Fr. Sebastian stated that we have 22 families attending South City Catholic Academy but only 8 contribute to the parish in the Sunday collection. Fr. Sebastian also wants to explore charging groups that use Faenger Hall since the parish is absorbing the cost of utilities when events are held. Fr. also wants a meeting to talk about fundraising. Denise will take the lead on setting up a meeting of the Finance Council. Corinne asked what we as a parish are looking to do, i.e., one other fundraiser in addition to the parish picnic or multiple fundraisers. Dominic suggested we get ideas first and then decide on the number of fundraiser. The group agreed we need a goal as to the amount we need to raise and also look at how much each activity has raised in the past.

March for Our Lives—Corinne stated that she will organize a community sign making night at OLS for people interested in making signs for the march to be held on March 24th. Barbara Paulus stated that the Social Justice Commission will cover the cost of art supplies and she will also help Corinne organize and advertise the event.

SCCA Trivia Night—Corinne stated that the Council will have a table at the event.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:45 P.M.

CLOSING PRAYER: Fr. Sebastian

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