

**OUR LADY OF SORROWS
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 23, 2018**

ATTENDANCE:

Father Sebastian, Doug Broleman, Celeste Engel, Patti Hall, Mark Heisohn, Denise Klevorn, Jacque Mattingly, Barb Paulus, John Ross, Patti Zerega, Mark Zimmerman

OPENING PRAYER: Father Sebastian

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL: Denise Klevorn

The September 25, 2018 meeting minutes were inadvertently not sent out to the Parish Council members in time for the members to approve the minutes at tonight's meeting. The members are supposed to read the minutes and send their approval to Denise.

EXECUTIVE BOARD APPRECIATION: Denise Klevorn

Corinne Bardgett and Denise Klevorn are continuing in their roles as President and Vice-President of the Parish Council, respectively. Celeste Engel will assume the role of Secretary for the upcoming year. Barb Paulus received a gift in appreciation for her year of service as Secretary during the past year.

OKTOBERFEST REPORT:

The Oktoberfest was held on Saturday, October 20, 2018. There were 60 people who attended the event.

Mark Zimmerman stated that the German Waterloo Band did a great job getting everyone involved and the attendees had a good time. Overall, he thought it was a good event. He wished for a larger turnout, though.

Patti Hall thought the extra activities, such as the photo booth and cornhole tournament, were good additions. She suggested that the lights be dimmed in the future. She also thought we need to begin planning much earlier next year if we decide to hold the event again.

Barb Paulus asked how we advertised for the event. Patti Hall had placed flyers in Panera, Schnucks, and Lowe's; Celeste Engel had St. Joan of Arc advertise it in the SCCA weekly notice and in their church; Father announced it; and it was on the OLS Facebook page. Barb suggested we have other parishes advertise the event on their digital signs.

Denise Klevorn reported that the profit was approximately \$1,100. She gave a shout-out to the other organizations that donated and helped, such as the Men's Club and Athletic Association, and to the Zimmermans for their basket donations.

Regarding the food, the Kenrick brats and hamburgers were gone, and almost all of the brats and some of the hamburgers from Schnucks were also sold. However, there were a lot of pretzels and strudel left over.

It was discussed possibly lowering the price and having the attendees purchase all food and drinks, in the hope that more people would attend any future Oktoberfest. Celeste Engel suggested that the PC members ask parishoners why they didn't attend the event, in order to help determine whether or not to hold the event next year.

Denise Klevorn questioned the interest in the parish due to low attendance both years. If the Parish Council decides to have it next year, we will need a chair. Denise decided to table this until the next meeting.

FINANCE COUNCIL UPDATE: Denise Klevorn

STATUS OF PARISH FINANCES:

OLS does not have the October Finance report from the Archdiocese yet.

OLS made the SCCA payment for October from the cash account.

The checking account is still robust, due to a few organizations donating their profits, along with a good collection month in September.

We also received \$14,900 from Beyond Sunday. The money has been put aside in a savings account for the future.

Other forms of income - The person who bought the Macklind property behind Sorrows would like to rent parking spaces on our lot, starting Spring 2019. He will pay \$25 each for 12 parking spaces, business hours, Monday – Friday. He has been a good neighbor so far. Also, the gym is regularly being rented for basketball practices and other events. These collectively could generate \$8,000 - \$10,000 in rental income/year.

SCHOOL BUILDING UPDATE:

The Archdiocese had approached OLS with a non-profit that was interested in the building for housing for those with Down's Syndrome. A few weeks ago, an agency that they thought was this one toured the building, but it ended up being a government agency that would change the building into medical offices for Medicaid patients. This would cause a lot of traffic, which may not be good. The first group never toured. Nothing further has occurred.

OTHER MAJOR REPAIRS:

The Church roof is leaking, and there are plans to get bids. 300 tiles were damaged by hail, so the insurance company was called, but the company won't pay for the damages, because it had to have been reported the day following when the damage occurred.

Even though the insurance company is through the Archdiocese, the Archdiocese said they can't help us. We do not have any quotes yet.

ALTAR SERVERS' LUNCHEON: Denise Klevorn

The luncheon will be held on November 10, 2018, after the servers' meeting. Mark and Marty Zimmerman will chair this event. There are currently 50 total servers on the list, but only 10 - 15 regularly serve Mass. Denise has a lot of paper supplies left over from a previous luncheon that she chaired. Volunteers may be needed to assist in serving the pizza and ice cream at the luncheon.

PARISH COUNCIL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES: Denise Klevorn

The Annual Parish Pastoral Council and Leadership Workshop will be held on November 17, 2018. Corinne Bardgett, Celeste Engel, Mark Heisohn, John Ross, and Mark Zimmerman have RSVP'ed.

ADVENT PLANS / VOLUNTEERS: Father Sebastian and Denise Klevorn

The Advent celebration will be held on Friday, December 14, 2018, at 7:00pm. The event will be very similar to the one last year, with a service in the Church with music by a Lutheran Choir, a get-together in the Parish Hall afterwards with wine/cheese/cookies, and a tree decorating contest. Last year, Kristen Knoll organized getting the lights on the trees, etc. The PC judges this year will be Patti Hall, Doug Broleman, and Mark Heisohn, and they will pick the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places, using a point system. Tree numbers and the winning ribbons will be placed on the trees. Denise Klevorn will chair the reception, and Celeste Engel will assist.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES: Father Sebastian

There will be 3 Masses for Christmas: Christmas Eve at 4:00pm, Midnight Mass, and Christmas morning at 9:00am.

GOAL SETTING: Denise Klevorn

EVANGELIZATION:

Father wants to reach out to parishoners and others in the neighborhood as a way to evangelize and to bring them to the pews of the Church. He feels when we celebrate the Eucharist together, everything will fall into place.

Some of his small group evangelization ideas are:

Meals for various subsets of parishioners

Monthly prayer breakfast

Dinners with the pastor - An example would be a group of 20-35 year-olds who would have dinner with Father, giving him the chance to talk to them and find out what the parish could do for them and vice versa. Father would like to host the dinners in the rectory with food catered from restaurants like Pietro's and served by various parish organizations. Father stated that food brings people together There would be approximately 5 dinners per year, with the first group in February 2019.

Mass and lunch for non-Catholic spouses/significant others

Teen Mass

Jacque Mattingly, who is also the Scout Master and Den Leader, suggested a Mass in the wilderness with the Scouts in November when they go camping. Father accepted the invitation to celebrate the Mass.

TECHNOLOGY:

Father needs an IT person to help with the Parish Website and Parish Mobile App. He also would like assistance with a printer problem he is having with his computer. Mark Zimmerman will help with the minor computer issues. Tom Skillman's name was suggested, because he worked on the previous website. The current website needs to be upgraded or re-built. Mark Zimmerman said there is an advantage to having someone build it because we would then have support, but he said if we don't have someone to build it, there are a lot of tools out there that are inexpensive and easy to use and maintain. Father would like this done prior to Christmas. Denise will contact Lisa Vilhard, who works in the rectory.

"My Parish App" needs to be investigated and then updated. Denise will talk to Lisa Vilhard about this, also.

COMMISSION STRUCTURE: Denise Klevorn

Denise discussed the need to figure out the Commission Structure, have 1-2 large meetings a year, and then have the commissions (organizations) host the above-mentioned dinners. We will continue discussing this topic next meeting.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Father Sebastian

The front tuckpointing is finished, the parking lot has been resurfaced, a new sound system was installed in the Church, and the Young Catholic Musicians sang at Mass. Father would like to call a big meeting next year with a Finance person from the Archdiocese, the Parish Council, and the Finance Council to discuss financial issues.

Father is considering starting our own PSR at OLS. Currently, 7 children attend the common PSR at St. John's, but there are 78 children in the area that attend Charter schools. It seems that people are uncomfortable with the St. John's location. OLS could start with 10 – 15 children, possibly by next September. Father is currently talking to the Dean of this area, who is open to the idea. This is one of Father's dreams.

Father feels we need to evaluate events, such as the Feast of OLS, the Advent service, etc., afterwards, to help with future planning. We need to take notes on what was purchased, etc.

Father would like a procession next year for our Feast.

Father would like to have a documentary movie and Indian food to help everyone learn more about his culture. He will need help with this endeavor.

YOUNG CATHOLIC MUSICIANS: Denise Klevorn

Last Sunday, the Young Catholic Musicians played and sang at the 10:00am Mass. The Parish Council hosted a luncheon after Mass for the teens and their families. 100 people attended. Denise chaired the luncheon and thanked Patti Hall, Barb Paulus, and Patti Zerega, who volunteered at the luncheon with her. It went well.

NEXT MEETING – Tuesday, November 27, 2018

Father will be in Kansas City for a conference, so he will not be available for the meeting. There will not be a meeting in December.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:05pm

CLOSING PRAYER: Father Sebastian

SUBMITTED BY: Celeste Engel