

OLMC Parish Council Meeting Minutes

May 16, 2015 9:00-11:00 am

The Gathering Space

We Find Christ Here. We Bring Christ to the World

Opening Prayer was given by: James

Closing Prayer was given by: Fr. Carlos

Snacks were provided by: Ruben

Part I: Business items

Welcome and Introductions: Father John David, Randy:

- Attendees: Fr. John David, Randy, James, Brenda, Rocky, Ruben, John, Harry, Tammy, Pete, Bill Higgins, Fr. Carlos, Janet and Sister Dominic.
- Ministry Liaisons are as shown.

Ministry	Staff to meet with:	Liaison
OLMC School	Sr. Dominic	Pete
Administrative	Julie Hall, Carla Weimer, Eileen Mazary	Unassigned
Hispanic Ministry	Francisco Anleu	Marisol
Liturgy	Kelly Soprano	Ruben & Tammy
Youth Ministry	Christina Harrison	James
SMH & Facilities	John Chesney, Hart Smith	Harry
Adult Faith Formation	Janet Hassan	Randy & John
Christian Formation	Christa Blomstrom	Tim
Technology	Eileen Mazary	Brenda

- Today we received reports on:
 - Youth Ministries: James reported on three main groups: Confirmation, Junior Youth Group, Senior Youth Group. Fifty youths are currently participating in the Conformation program. The Jr. Youth Group uses a program called Edge. Senior Youth Group uses a program called Life Teen. The ministries are looking for more buy-in and involvement from high school youth.
 - Liturgy: Tammy and Ruben reported meeting with Kelly to debrief the Easter Vigil agreeing that everything went mostly well. Lessons learned will be considered for next year. Tammy again stressed the need for Eucharistic team leaders especially at the 5 PM Saturday and Sunday masses. They are working to get contact information for the current Eucharistic ministers so they can establish more networking thereby growing their numbers and increasing team leads. There is also a need for additional altar servers. Fr. John David mentioned that in the fall there may be opportunities for liturgical formation to better understand the why and not just the how of liturgical structure.
- Financial update;
 - Bill reported that the Finance Council met last week and the budget for 2016 is approved. Expenses are up modestly at 1-1/2% while Capital gains are up nicely. Our Offertory remains short of budget by about 3% which is at a constant level following the presentations given before all masses encouraging increased offertory giving. It will continue to be monitored and may be some time before a valid impact can be determined. The Finance Council will meet with the Richmond Diocesan treasurer to discuss information and help on financing as we move forward with construction.

Campus Maintenance/Building Discussion: Father John David, Pete, Sister Dominic:

- Pete reported that two telecommunication companies remain in the running for our campus phone, IT and security services. Bids are being evaluated.
- The Building Committee met with the architect and have discussed a viable solution for our main building roof leaks that may involve a less costly but successful solution. Discussion continues on the four main construction issues of Roofing, HVAC, Commons renovation and IT issues. Look for specifics and further information coming in the weekly Bulletin.
- Sister Dominic reported that roof work on the school will start June 8th and be completed over the summer break.
- Fr. John David reported that Austin Farinholt will join us July 1 as development director. Austin worked with us during the Capital Campaign earlier this year.

New Evangelization: Fr. John David, Janet:

- The parish is reviewing the Sunday experience with all items still in the planning process. Gathered by Grace will meet twice a month on the 1st and 3rd Sunday. The 2nd Sunday will have a sacrament and liturgy focus while the 4th Sunday would have a social ministry focus. The Theme for the coming year – **Encountering Jesus Christ** will work in conjunction with the **Jubilee Year of Mercy** that Pope Francis has declared.

New Business:

- A council member asked about our parish supporting the Glenmary Home Missioners. This item is tabled until next Council is convened although we will investigate donating our previously used Sacred Vessels to them.
- Discussion of the sound system quality, especially in Section 6, was discussed. It is acknowledged that sometimes noises from the Commons can compete with the lectors at the mass. Kelly has been notified and is looking into possible solutions.

Part II: Envisioning—The Role of the Parish Council

- The council discussed chapter 9 of the book, ***Forming Intentional Disciples***. Chapters 10, 11 and 12 will be reviewed at our next regular meeting.

Part III: August 8, 2015 meeting in the Gathering Space at 9:00 am.

Assignments:

- Ministry reports will be the OLMC School by Pete and Adult Faith Formation by Randy & John
- Snacks will be provided by Harry
- Opening prayer will be offered by John
- Closing prayer will be offered by Brenda

The next Council Event will be a Social on Saturday, June 13th at the home of James Wells.

Thank you James.