

**OLMC Parish Council Meeting Minutes**

**September 12, 2015 9:00-11:00 am**

**The Gathering Space**

**We Find Christ Here. We Bring Christ to the World**

Opening Prayer was given by: Brenda

Closing Prayer was given by: Randy

Snacks were provided by: Tammy 7 Marisol

**Part I: Business items**

**Welcome and Introductions: Father John David, Randy:**

- o Attendees: Fr. John David, Randy, James, Brenda, Rocky, Tim, Harry, Marisol, Tammy, Bill Higgins, Pete, Janet and John Babb.
- o Ministry Liaisons are as shown.

<b>Ministry</b>	<b>Staff to meet with:</b>	<b>Liaison</b>
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:

- o Technology: Pete reported on technology and security. Our phones and IT Systems are updated and working well. Security upgrades being negotiated and the security company is local which hopefully means rapid responses to maintenance etc. A security committee has been established to develop an overall plan for the campus including the school, interior and exterior. The committee is working with a consultant. The goal is to develop an area wide network between other churches within our vicinity.
- o School: Pete reported on school issues. Two recent back-to-school nights were well attended by parents. The theme for this school year is **“Showing the Merciful Face of the Lord”** with focus on **The Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy**. Current enrollment is 320 students with new students starting each week. Currently there are 70 new students and 60 new families. New teachers have been hired with three new Dominican Sisters.
- o Financial update: Bill reported that the Offertory is up over the last three weeks and in an upward trend. The parish investments are performing very well in a volatile market.

**Campus Maintenance/Building Discussion: Father John David:**

Progress reported:

Spain Construction has the renovation contract. The lighting will be updated to LED vs. incandescent lighting. The Richmond diocese has given us a line of credit for the full amount. We will begin to pay back the very reasonable term credit line upon completion of the project. All bond and permits have been obtained and construction (demolition) has started. The two sides area of the Commons will most likely be unavailable at some points during construction. There will always be access to the worship center through the center doors. Spain Construction is working four 10 hours days (7:00 -5:00) and usually not on Fridays. The Tabernacle has temporally moved to inside the Worship Center while the Chapel is expanded and remodeled.

### **New Business:**

- Patrick Walsh has joined OLMC staff on August 1<sup>st</sup> as the Youth Minister. Patrick is a lifelong member of OLMC and helped last year with the youth Ministry program.
- Parish Council has four members who have completed the three year term of service and will rotate off the Council. Normally new members are recommended by parishioners and discerned. Because of construction, time constraints and Fr. John David's schedule, new members will be appointed by a committee made up of staff, our pastor and current Council leaders. Our bylaws support this method which will only be done this year due to the reasons mentioned. New Council members will be appointed prior to the next meeting on October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Part II: Envisioning—The Role of the Parish Council**

- The council discussion of the remaining chapters of the book, ***Forming Intentional Disciples*** was tabled until our next regular meeting due to time constraints.

### **Upcoming Parish Council Meetings:**

- New Council convenes October 3, 2015 in the Gathering Space at 9:00 am.

### **Assignments:**

- Ministry reports are postponed until the second meeting.
- Snacks will be provided by James
- Opening prayer will be offered by Marisol
- Closing prayer will be offered by Austin