

OLPH Parish Council Meeting minutes for August 25, 2009.

Present: Erin Maiorca, Larry Ball, Fr. Tom Hickey, Matthew Thibeau, Rog O'Brien, Cary Martin, Robert Hicks, and Nancy Pins.

Absent: Kathy Heublein, Noelle Walsh, Art Olivera, Kevin Shaughnessy, Mike Burton, Kevin Baudhuin, Bill Lynch and Lynn McCreeny

Opening Prayer given by Larry.

July minutes accepted by consensus with no changes.

Erin questioned whether it was decided which community the Ministry of Praise would fall under, Human Concerns or Liturgy and Worship. It was decided to have Art ask Liz Wallace what she feels is the appropriate community.

Installation Mass discussed, consensus was that this was a positive event and to continue it yearly.

Strategic Planning: Matt will be heading this subcommittee and submitted a timeline for this process to Father Hickey who is reviewing it.

Finance- Annual Report given by Bob. See attached for handouts.

- ❖ Profit and Loss Statements reviewed for both the church and the school.
- ❖ The Annual Report will be out in about 3 weeks, trying to educate the parish on the needs and the misperception. Also talked about the many fundraising "buckets" that the parish has.
- ❖ Next meeting will briefly go over this information again since many members were not present along with new discussion on the Stewardship of Treasure.
- ❖ Handout titled Finance Council Meeting Minutes 7/27/2009 contains a lot of good info.

Pastor's Report: Father Hickey wanted to stress a few points this year

- ❖ Importance of Sunday Mass: Reaching out to younger families to make them feel welcome. Having them at the rectory for dinner dates.
- ❖ Encourage the new youth minister, Owen Walsh and the Youth Ministry: good turnout at the kick off BBQ last Sunday.

Home Coming Event during Advent which will be throughout the Dioceses, what OLPH will do during this program:

- ❖ Invitation phase reaching out to lapse Catholics such as encouraging parishioners to give personal invites.
- ❖ Using the Christmas season to encourage coming back.
- ❖ Follow up programs i.e. Catholicism 101

This program has had success out West.

River Wall Update: The wall is done; fence should be up next week. The village will be planting trees in the river bed and the parish plantings will be done next spring. Since

there was more damage to the parking lot than originally planned the Village repaved about a third of the lot for free, good for us. Since the road next to the rectory is narrower than before there will be a new traffic pattern placed.

Father Hickey is holding a meeting on 8/26/2009 with invited parishioners to get feedback and ideas on capital spending project: The parking lot and the accessibility issue to McDonnell Hall.

Lastly Father Hickey talked about the Annual Financial Report.

- ❖ The Annual Report will be sent to the parishioners is easy to read with great content. Many new additional to help explain the finances.
- ❖ Planned Offertory Program will be stressed again in Oct.
- ❖ Creating a power point presentation to be first view at a PPC meeting and than showed at the different community meeting to help the parishioners get a complete view of the parish finances.
- ❖ Trying to institute a long term change in the perception of parish finances.

Ministry Weekend September 18/19: Larry to send out sign up sheet thru e-mail. If possible sign up to help out with set-up, present after masses and take down because this is one of the few events we sponsor. Erin will take charge of the bulletin announcements. Larry will work with Natalie on getting out e-mail blasts to the parishioners and on the community take away sheets. Members please communicate with your communities to get ready for this weekend event. E-mail call to action was considered with a way to register online and a link to the parish web site for individuals to read about the ministries before the event. Once again keep an eye out for the e-mail from Larry.

Due to time conflicts the rest of the agenda will be addressed at following meetings.

Next Meeting will be September 21, 2009 in McDonnell Hall (please note the change in revue). Opening prayer: Nancy. Closing prayer: Bill

Closing Prayer-Erin

Minutes submitted by Nancy