

## OLPH Parish Council Meeting minutes for November 15, 2009

Present: Erin Maiorca, Larry Ball, Noelle Walsh, Robert Hicks, Rog O'Brien, Art Olivera, Kevin Shaughnessy, Matthew Thibeau, Bill Lynch, Lynn McCreeny, Kathy Heublein, and Nancy Pins

Absent: Mike Burton, Kevin Baudhuin, Cary Martin and Father Hickey

Opening Prayer given by Art

October minutes accepted by consensus with no changes.

### Communities:

- ❖ To have set meeting months next year: Aug, Nov, Feb. and May, try to have the meeting in the first two weeks and then report to the council meeting the third week of the month
- ❖ Have common agenda and try to get summaries to the secretary the Friday before the meeting so that the summaries can be distributed to the council.

### Community Updates:

- ❖ Human Concerns:
  1. Positive responds to strategic planning
  2. Bereavement is training 2 new ministers and 1 planning ministers and increase attendance at the All Souls Mass
  3. Respect Life had a very good responses to the Baby Bottle Campaign
  4. Ministry of Care has 70 ministers and is planning on having a speaker talk about Advance directives
  5. Sunday evening mass: a lot of talk about the need to look into this time for a mass. A lot of college and 20 year olds like this time and it fits their lifestyle. It maybe a way to encourage membership in this age group. Consider a pilot program in the spring and summer.
- ❖ Adult Education:
  1. Also had positive response to strategic planning.
  2. Thought the finance Report was very useful
  3. Evolve (Adult Ed's new name) is having a communication problem. Voice that this is an ongoing problem with all the ministries. Ideas were brought that the church should get Facebook account to reach more members. Subcommittee was formed to explore this issue, members include: Matt, Lynn and Nicole.
- ❖ Liturgy and Worship:
  1. Lectors have gone on a retreat together.
  2. Eucharistic Minister: had a party
  3. Both groups doing positive team building

### Strategic Planning:

- ❖ Still trying to nail down the first summit meeting date, might need to change to Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> but conflicts with room availability and availability of Father Hickey. Dates to be confirmed by next meeting.
- ❖ Need membership list, letter will be sent to community leaders to be given out to the ministry leaders.
- ❖ Positive responds given at the community meetings

### Finance Update: Bob

- ❖ Positive respond to the traveling finance report
- ❖ Good response to the pledge cards

- ❖ 59K shortfall at this time
- ❖ Sister Paulanne gave good speech last weekend highlighting supporting the parish and its ministries.

#### Quarterly Deanery Report

The council members will email their responses to the first two Cardinal's Issues for 2009-2010 to Nancy by Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>

Thank you mass/meal for liturgical volunteers historically held in Feb. Committee formed to include: Rog, Larry, Art, Noelle and Nancy

Current Events: A meeting will be held with Father Hickey after he returns and before Thanksgiving to address the Letter from the Bishop concerning Father Flavin

Closing Prayer: Erin

Minutes submitted Nancy