

OMPH CHURCH
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, February 17, 2015

January Meeting was not held due to Snow

In Attendance: Dave Goss, Chris Isbrandt, Father John McLoughlin, Charlie Marrone, Theresa Novotnak, Marty Long, Kim Shirker, Anne Hackman, Shereen Rann, Jim Gee, Ron Carkoski and Fred Lipson

Excused: Barb Lewis and Bob Walsh

Unexcused: Father Tom Siconolfi

Guests: Margaret Gardner (OMPH Principal) and Jane Smith (School Board Chairperson)

The Meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm in the School Library. The opening prayer was given by Charlie.

The December 16th meeting minutes were approved by Marty and seconded by Ron.

The Council was given a presentation from representatives of OMPH School. Jane Smith and Margaret Gardner started by giving out a booklet that goes over the developments within the school. The booklet touched upon the following:

- Beliefs
- Academics
- Talents
- Standardized Testing
- Faith Experience
- Service Projects
- Technology
- Middle States Reaccreditation
- School Awards
- And Financial Assistance available

It was explained that the school goals for the next 7 years set forth by the Middle States is to work on 1). Language Arts- writing 2). Technology- growing skills for all grades 3). Marketing- increase enrollment, targeting the 3 parishes.

Ms. Gardner explained the EITC Program- that some businesses are able to defer their tax dollars to OMPH School. It is a very easy process and more information can be received by calling the School. So far \$55,000 has been pledged for the next school year.

Ms. Gardner also said that congratulations were in order for our own Father John as he is honored with the "Distinguished Pastor Award" from the National Catholic Educational Association for his dedication and commitment to excellence.

Ministry Report

Extraordinary Ministers- would like to have a retreat day and after Easter the Precious Blood will be utilized again since the flu season should be coming to an end.

Benevolent Society- 467 families have been served in 2014. 2494 boxes of food were handed out. At Christmas 208 boxes were given and the Scouts collected 11,162 pounds of food.

Pastor Report

Lenten Appeal- Has been made 4 years in a row. Last year the goal was \$108,400 of which \$113,162 was pledged and \$110,911.13 was received from 424 families.

This year our goal is \$101,500. With the goal of 500 families participating Father John will speak after all masses this coming weekend and the Council is asked to speak in the following weeks to come.

It has been confirmed that on June 27, 2015 OMPH will host the Ordination of Tony Michalik with a light reception to follow. This is also the Feast Day of Our Mother of Perpetual Help.

The Lenten Breakfast will no longer be served here at OMPH. All the Pastors in the Ministrum made the decision since they are finding it harder and harder to find workers to work the breakfast

A parishioner is concerned that the lip at the front entrance is not handicap accessible it is being looked into.

A Pastoral Visitation will take place in March or April. It will consist of 2 staff members and they will meet with Council to see how the Parish is going.

New Business

A table discussion took place with the Council as Father John stepped out in regards to whom would take over as President and Vice President. When Father John returned it was decided that Fred Lipson would take on the role of President with Theresa Novotnak as Vice President. The motion was accepted by Marty and seconded by Anne.

Everyone was asked to help at coffee corner March 1st and at the next meeting months would be assigned.

There was a comment made concerning cars parking in the bus lane for church that it is very hard to maneuver around them especially in case of an emergency. This will be re-addressed.

Reminders

1. Shut-In Letters for February - Shereen
2. Next Meeting Tuesday, March 17, 2015
3. Ron is to lead Prayer at the open and close of next meeting

Closing prayer was given by Charlie. The meeting was adjourned at 8:39pm

Minutes submitted by,
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OMPH Parish Council Secretary