

OMPH CHURCH
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, February 16, 2015

In Attendance: Marty Long, Bob Walsh, Father John McLoughlin, Fred Lipson, Charlie Marrone, Jim Gee, Barb Lewis, Theresa Novotnak, and Kim Shirker

Excused: Shereen Rann, Anne Hackman and Ron Caroski

The Meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm in the School Library. The opening prayer was given by Fred.

The January meeting minutes were approved by Marty and seconded by Jim.

Pastor report

Lenten Appeal- Father John will talk at all masses on the 20th and 21st of February and the Council will speak the 12th and 13th of March. Fred will send around and e-mail for volunteers to read.

Father is looking into a website person to re-do the website and is interested in a parish app. Marty and Kim will research.

After much discussion and great thought at the last several meetings it was agreed upon that our parish is not very welcoming. So in order to become more welcoming it was decided to form two ministries, keeping in mind that any new ministry is to be faith building. They are a Greeters Ministry and a Hospitality Ministry.

The next topic from the "One Who Serves" book is Liturgy.

We are reminded that Liturgy does not depend upon the priest it is the whole people of God. Do we attend mass or participate? The Eucharist should always be the center of the mass. It was decided that the formation of the welcoming ministries will help with the whole atmosphere of the church and that the priests will give some small talks about the parts of the mass to re-educate the congregation.

Old Business

None

New Business

The Redemptorists are planning a big celebration in Rome and have decided to also do a celebration the same time in Washington DC. It will be on September 17th at the Immaculate Conception Shrine. Rita has offered to head the event and has contacted the bus company and was put on a waiting list since all buses are rented for that day.

Reminders

1. Shut-In Letters for March- Bob
2. Next Meeting Tuesday, March 15, 2016
3. Bob is to lead Prayer at the open and close of next meeting

Closing prayer was given by Fred. The meeting was adjourned at 8:36pm

Minutes submitted by,
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