

OMPH CHURCH
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, March 15, 2015

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

Excused: Shereen Rann and Barb Lewis

The Meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm in the School Library. The opening prayer was given by Bob.

The February meeting minutes were approved by Ron and seconded by Bob.

Pastor report

On April 3rd and 4th Father John will attend all masses to deliver the same homily in regards to the census about its importance and what we are looking for.

A bus from Executive Coach has been contracted for the September 17th pilgrimage to the Immaculate Shrine in Washington DC

Christina Lawson is leaving as music coordinator on 4/15. She will do a music schedule to finish out June.

The music committee is weighing its options on the microphone issues. There has been an anonymous donation to help with this expense.

Maintenance has looked into the possibility of switching the church and school over to natural gas. Basically it entails a line to the street and changing switches. Father will be speaking with Finance committee to get approval.

It was also mentioned that the church walls are in need of some painting.

The Diocese has hired a gentleman to head a Family Life program he is from Arlington, VA and he would like to visit all parishes over the year and speak. The Diocese is also opening up a training session for mentoring couples.

There was much table discussion in regards to the Mission for Social Concerns and Ecumenism and Interfaith connections. Some things mentioned were:

- how to embrace the poor but not be a social agency
- how do we embrace people and empower them.
- Serving the poor is not an option for a parish.

It was decided that a Social Outreach ministry will be formed. One suggestion was to do a Monthly Theme such as return to work clothes or prom. Kim will look into how this will work.

Everyone was in agreement that we should start an e-mail program. Marty passed around some info on Apps also.

After much study on the 6 Missions it was decided that 3 things need to happen:

- A greeter ministry will be formed and Theresa will lead it.
- A hospitality ministry will be formed and Rita will lead it.
- A Social Outreach ministry will be formed and at this time there is uncertainty about who will lead it.

Old Business

None

New Business

Blood bank will be here May 22, 2016 from 8am-12. More info to follow

Some Parish Council members are at the end of their term. Father has extended an offer for them to continue on and would like to know by May of their decision. They are Kim, Bob, Fred, Marty and Charlie

Reminders

1. Shut-In Letters for April- Jim
2. Next Meeting Tuesday, April 19, 2016
3. Jim is to lead Prayer at the open and close of next meeting

Closing prayer was given by Fred. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm

Minutes submitted by,
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