

OMPH CHURCH
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, November 17, 2015

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

Excused: Fred Lipson, Chris Isbrandt, Shereen Rann, Theresa Novotnak

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm in the School Library. The opening prayer was given by Marty.

Meeting Minutes for October were held over for approval since this was just a brain storming meeting.

December 8th is the opening of the Jubilee “Year of Mercy” and will end on November 20, 2016

December 11th marks the 150th year of devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help.

It was suggested that when the census starts that it is made available for online responses.

Thoughts were discussed concerning the need to have parishioners know more about the ministries in our church. Some of the ideas were to have a section in the bulletin, called “Who We Are” and would focus just on the ministries or to have announcement at the pulpit

It was suggest that we branch out using social media ex. Facebook. Father is going to look into if there are any special guidelines to follow.

It was also suggested that we have an app. By using “my Parish App”

There was much table discussion about “What you think when you hear evangelization”

Some examples were: promoting faith, leading by example, selling, making aware, bringing up to date, building a culture within the parish, a desire for God,

acceptance, inviting, helpfulness , listening, spreading, education for life, all about the message, being Christ like, be “A” people.

After much discussion, everyone liked the idea of forming small community groups.

For the December meeting Father asked for everyone to think of some thoughts on the following questions:

If you were captain of this ship where are we going? Are we land locked or adventurous?

Where is your ship as an individual with the Lord?

Where is your ship as an OMPH parishioner?

Reminders

1. Shut-In Letters for December- Anne
2. Next Meeting Tuesday, December 15, 2015
3. ?????? is to lead Prayer at the open and close of next meeting

Closing prayer was given by Marty. The meeting was adjourned at 8:41pm

Minutes submitted by,
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