

Minutes OLA

Parish Council Meeting Oct. 20, 2014-10-21

Members present: Fr. Stephen, J. Herschel, T. Dempsey, S. Maleike, P Ramnarine, S. Chevalier, H. Malamas

Finance: J. Colon, T. Woodward

Trustee: M. Donnelly

- A. Call to order by S. Chevalier
- B. Opening prayer by S. Chevalier, next meeting J. Herschel
- C. Visitors: A. Troy, T. Stiano, R. Cinque, G. Lewis
- D. Acceptance of minutes from Sept. 15, 2014, J. Herschel/T. Dempsey
- E. Next Meeting-November 17, 2014
- F. Youth Member Report-none
- G. Religious education report-P. Ramnarine reports 48 students enrolled. Religious education tuition comparison given to members (see attached). OLA \$95 per family (regardless of number of children), \$10 registration, \$15 book fee/family and second and ninth grade \$25 Communion/Confirmation fee. Need to count students and parents at all masses. Basement room will be available to parents who would like to stay, would like to have area as quiet as possible. Faith, Food and Fun, this years theme is reconciliation. First session will be Nov. 8th, 9-11:30 am, breakfast type food. Second session will be in the spring April 18th afternoon session 2-4:30 pm with confession to follow then 5:30 youth mass.
Lively discussion concerning tuition and ability of families to pay, ideas included tuition assistance/grants/scholarships, no advancement of child until tuition/fees paid, forgive tuition. Discussion is ongoing but teachers are asked engage parents regarding tuition and fees.
- H. Pastoral Assistant's Report-read into record by S. Chevalier, copy available.
- I. Finance Council Report
Fiscal year to date report presented to council, will be in this weekends bulletin. Roughly \$2000 in the red, would like to present year end report to parish before submission to Archdiocese possible to prevent deficit reporting. Council members encouraged to be available for any questions that may come up regarding the report this coming weekend.
Sullivan County \$5000 grant should be placed in general fund.
T. Woodward started Connect Care through Archdiocese seems more user friendly.
T. Woodward presented numbers regarding attendance, 2009-282 per weekend, 2014-182 per weekend. Weekly collections 2012-\$2029, 2014-\$1787.
Of note all costs are increasing!!!!
Fundraising less the expected for 2014.

J. Unfinished Business

Maintenance-T. Dempsey, inspection of parish ground revealed minor problems which will be addressed in near future after which ground will be re-inspected.

Outreach up date-J. Herschel thanks to all who have helped in the effort. Currently it is still a work in progress. CHANGE IS HAPPENING!

Summer fest-went well, donor has covered cost of chickens \$500!!!
Recommendation to sequentially number chicken barbecue tickets to have a better accounting of the numbers for ordering that day.
Need to examine 2015 date for Summer Fest.
Parishioners need to be encouraged to support Summer Fest and all parish events.

Liaison reports-none

K. New Business

Planning for Going Forward-is an on going discussion

Revising Constitution/Bylaws-regarding number of parish council members. Suggestion 3 council members/100 parishioners, would be 7 council members instead of 9. Table discussion to next meeting.

2015 Shore Vacation Raffle Fundraiser-R. Cinque

Choice of 4 weekends, two in July and two in August as choice for winner. Sell tickets from January through May/June (Fathers day?)
Make up 300 tickets (more if needed) sell for \$5/ticket. Need coordinator to keep track of tickets.

L. Final Remarks-Fr. Stephan, Shop Rite cards Father has them at all masses but needs help selling them immediately after each mass. J. Herschel volunteered for 5:30 mass.

Mass cards-how do we make them more available?

M. Agenda for next meeting

Money Box

Summer Fest 2015 date

Constitution question

Coordinators for 2015 Summer Fest and Shore vacation raffle

Christmas raffle, anything to raffle?

Bells and Stars coordinator

Announcement regarding everything at each mass.

N. Closing Prayer

Respectfully submitted, S. Chevalier