

Annunciation of the Lord Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Fr. Craig Carolan, Sr. Judy O'Brien, Ken Rutkowski, Ken Wisneski, Bob Koroleski, Delphine Rutkowski, Terry Braun, Tracy Fischer, Magdaline Goretski, Ellen Yarocho-Nolan **Parishioners in attendance:** 3

Invited guest/speaker: Dave Mausolf, principal of OLLH

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. A reading from the Bible and reflection followed.

I. Invited Guest: Dave Mausolf, Principal of OLLH Catholic School, spoke informing the council of

OLLH's steady enrollment of 107-110, plus 40 preschoolers, their school's impressive educational success in State assessments, parishioner dedication in the exhausting task of many fundraising events, their efforts in supporting out-of-Harbor Beach students in transportation costs (busing) and various school needs that are needed in materials and technology. He asked that our parish keep OLLH in their prayers, assistance in keeping their tuition fees affordable for families, and updating their school to be weather efficient. Ellen confirmed our parish goal to promote evangelizing efforts and the new diocesan effort in recognizing the need to support our existing catholic schools.

II. Pastor's Input

1. Report on CSA. Last year was 39,000, this year the diocese is asking 45,000 of our parish. Concern over why it was raised when we are declining in parishioner numbers. Fr. Craig is planning to send a letter of concern. We will make note to promptly dispute (prior to the CSA announcement) the amount next year if not resolved.
2. Report that Fr. Pare contacted the diocese questioning where we were baptizing our parishioner's babies. We welcome and embrace the sacrament of Baptism at each of our worship sites.

III. Old Business

1. Recording Secretary still needed. Ken R. offered to make an amendment to appoint council member to the minutes task.
2. Ken R. is continuing investigating cost for bathroom project at St. Mary's.
3. Council will need to follow protocol of how to eliminate the old deteriorating convent from costly upkeep and insurance.

IV. Faith Formation Report

1. Sr. Judy reported that the religious education on Sunday has had 100% attendance and is going well.
2. Mass June 1st was discussed with the possibility of approx. 22 graduating seniors.
3. Sr. voiced concern for parishioner teenagers to attend an upcoming "Focus on Life" informational meeting with presenter that is available in Bad Axe. Sr. will compile a short note, along with the flyer, to families of teens urging them to attend and that our parish will provide the cost to attend. As a show of support, the parish council was in favor of our names being included in the letter.

V. New Business

1. Dave Miller asked to use the snow blower located at St. Mary's worship hall. Fr. Craig gave consent to use the snow blower at whichever worship site it is needed to be used at.
2. Ellen Nolan confirmed that Elaine Moore and Doreen Rice will oversee the fundraising parish raffle for August 23. Ellen will compile a bulletin announcement for soliciting any "new ideas" of an event of some sort for that same weekend that would draw parishioners together.
3. Ken R. and Ken W. confirmed the need to follow protocol when initiating conversations with the diocese.
4. Question of the need to finance a building supervisor was introduced.

The closing prayer was led by Fr. Craig Carolan. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. The next scheduled meeting will be held in St. Edward's Hall, Wednesday, May 14th at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 26th 4:00 pm @ St. Michael's Hall: meeting for anyone interested in offering a "new idea" and willing to organize a parishioner event to be held in conjunction with a Raffle Fundraiser. Please contact Ellen Yaroch if interested in attending.