

OLM PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES
May 17, 2010

ATTENDEES:

Marty Kadziela
Stephanie LeRoy
Tim Kueper
Dave Groeber

Luchie Saraceni
Bill Holbrook
Jennifer Bartos
Bettye Abbott

Monica Baier
Gary Breuer
Tom Brady

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 a.m. by Marty Kadziela, Chairperson. Stephanie LeRoy gave the Opening Prayer.

New Council Members were introduced, Gary Breuer and Bill Holbrook.

The **Volunteer Recognition Luncheon** will take place September 19, 2010. Tom Brady has contacted Mary DeKing, who will assist with the luncheon.

Recruitment and Stewardship: The next Committee meeting will be held June 23rd. Stewardship/Ministry Fair is scheduled September 26th.

Friday Family Feasts: There were 72 guests at the April 16th Family Feast (Game Night). Total Revenue was \$441.00 and Expenditures were \$514.00. There was a \$73.34 loss. Several items were purchased for the kitchen, including 2 new ½ trays for the steam table with covers and 4 ½ baking sheets. These items, if not purchased, would have offset the loss.

The next feast is Mexican Fiesta on May 21st; 48 tickets have been sold to date. Make your own Taco Bar will be available. August 20th will be movie night. *How to Train Your Dragon* will be featured.

Commission Reports:

- **Administration – Gary Breuer and Dave Groeber:** All budgets are due and should have been submitted to Janice. Went over financial. Top line is off. Holy Day collections off, e.g., Easter was \$60,000 rather than \$70,000. Everyone has done a good job staying within their budgets. They are spending according to Plan. Collections are good, but behind. Collections were Over Plan last half of the year. Deficit is greater; tracking pretty well. Will not get changes finished before end of June. Everything will be done; however, a specific time cannot be given. As regards leaks, a hole has to be cut in dry wall ceiling to see if leaks can be identified.

- **Faith Formation – Bettve Abbott:** The Commission met May 6, 2010. Reports from various ministries were given and are included in their entirety:

R.E. report for K-5th Grade:

1. R.E. finished the year with a “Songfest” which we believe over 90% of our children and parents (over 800 families) attended including the cookies and juice afterwards.
2. A grant was submitted to the Diocese of Joliet for \$2,800 for Family Faith Totes. We hope to start making these this summer.
3. A committee has been formed to select books for sets of Bible storybooks for Grades K-3. Later we will pick books for 4-5th.
4. We are near completion on preparing our projects which are ready made with directions and materials for our catechists for all grades.
5. We have about 90 (out of 120) slots filled for VBS. and all 13 slots for our new preschool.

EDGE – Junior High:

The year ended with a family mass celebrated by Fr Hugh attended by our 6th graders as well as their parents. There only about 50+ teens and their families, but we served refreshments afterwards and received many positive comments from the parents. The 7/8th graders closed their EDGE year with a section on Mary Magdelyn and a small party afterwards. Overall, the EDGE program did well. We will have an evaluation meeting in June with the CORE Team as well as with a couple of the high school teens that ran a group for input.

The next year’s curriculum may change some. A meeting was held to make sure that what the junior high program has will feed well into the high school program as it changes. RE and junior high are continuing to collaborate when it comes to joining forces on training as well as a parent programs. Next year we will be offering a workshop for leaders on the Bible to help them with faith formation. The parents will have an evening on “Bullying in the Schools.” Hopefully we will also be running, the same night, an EDGE evening on the same topic for teens. This is an extremely important topic that needs to have a lot of conversation.

Summer Events: Junior high “Mission Days” will be on Wednesday June 23rd and Friday June 25th. One day will be spent at Hopkins Park and hopefully we will be spending their other day at Alden Estates in Naperville working with residents and working on the outside grounds. In July, we will have a day at Great America in conjunction with the other cluster churches and in August we will be returning to Rapid Waters Park in Yorkville. **Cluster:** We have again been able to reconnect with the junior high cluster. We are planning a few events and are making our cluster meetings a regular monthly opportunity.

Faith Ministry Teams:

The Team will meet tomorrow, May 18th.

- Invite others to join Faith Ministry Team.
- **Name change from Faith Ministry Team to Adult Faith Formation Team.**
- **Catholicism 201** had 21 enrollees; 10-12 regular in attendance. Very favorable comments. Program will run again with Spring and Fall sessions.
- **Bible Study** is scheduled May 5th to June 16th. About a dozen people participating in 2 groups. They are reading Israel's Story: Part 1.
- **Small Faith Groups** were scheduled February 18th to April 9, 2010. Several groups will continue after April 9th, including the Indian Community Group that meets on the 2nd Sunday after 10:45 mass. The Small Faith Groups June 6th celebration has been cancelled and will be held next year.
- **Young Adults – College Programs:** Dave Miserendo is planning local gathering for the summer once members come home from school. There are also two diocesan activities being promoted: summer softball and a wilderness retreat to Wisconsin.
- **Couples:** The speaker series was a success with 12-13 couples participating. OLM will be hosting a Theology on Tap program for couples this summer.
- **Men's Prayer Group name has been changed to Men's Faith Discussion Group.** There were 12 participants at the last meeting. Ages ranged from 20s to a member in his 80's. They are discussing having multiple discussions when there are more members. Future activities are scheduled: September 11, 2010, January 15, 2011 and May 24, 2011.
- **Women's Ministry:** Jolene LeRoy reports this group is at a crossroad. New programs are being discussed.
- **Parish Missions – March 12-16, 2011.** Father Rusty Shaughnessey will officiate. **March 3-6, 2012** with Father Albert Haase, OFM.

The Faith Formation Commission (FFC) discussed membership, Commission Facilitator and Secretary for 2010-2011. FFC representation at *New Parishioners Welcoming Meeting* was also discussed and members were assigned for upcoming meetings. Quarterly meeting dates were established: August 12, 2010, November 4, 2010, February 3, 2011 and May 5, 2011.

Service – Luchie Saraceni: They had a 2-hour meeting April 26th. There were 16 participants. Father Hugh told them to create a wish list.

- **Bridge Communities** – Funding from church is fine. They're in fourth families. Will be working with Project Gabriel to see if moms can qualify.
- **Hesed House/Public Action to Deliver Shelter (PADS)** – Linda said they have about 170 people each night. Need volunteers, especially between 11:00 p.m. and 3:00 a.m.
- **Loving Hands** – They meet once a month. Cecilia said they're making prayer blankets and booties. The need donations, monetary or yawn.
- **Meal Ministry** works with Jolene. They have 36 members and have not denied anyone.
- **Men's Club** – There was no response from the Men's Club.

- **Parish Nursery** – Beth asked if she could hang photos in the room to make it friendlier for children. John will be contacted and someone will get back with Beth.
- **Project Gabriel** needs volunteers.
- **Senior Gems** will be sponsoring a “Baby Shower” for Project Gabriel and Waterleaf the second week in July.
- **St. Vincent de Paul Society** – approximately \$2000 donation for Parish.

Worship – Marty Kadziela/Bill Holbrook:

- The Ushers, Greeters and Extraordinary ministers’ guidelines have been revised. The Commission is still working on Lectors. Mass Coordinators need to be developed. Phyllis, Larry and Marty will tackle over the summer
- Preparation is beginning for the revisions to the Roman Missal.
 - a. The text of the new Missal has been approved by Rome. Use of the new Roman Missal will begin in Advent 2011.
 - b. Larry Harris and Phyllis Anderson will attend detailed training in June.
 - c. Rollout to the parish will be developed over the next few meetings.
- May Crowning was scheduled for after the 4 p.m. mass on Saturday May 15, 2010. Ideas for next year’s May Crowning were discussed.
- Administration Commission has approved hiring Phyllis Anderson for a quarter time Liturgy position. Phyllis will be an excellent addition as she brings an abundance of training in similar matters at St. Raymond’s Cathedral.
- Icon Stories
 - a. Beginning after the feast of Corpus Christi, the stories of each saint represented in the Icons in the entrance to the Parish Life Center will be held on a weekly basis.
 - b. One Icon will be placed on displayed each week as their respective stories are reviewed at weekend Mass.
 - c. Request has been made for suggestions to fill open positions in the Worship Commission from these ministries: Cantors, Ushers, Greeters and Altar Servers.
- June 5th, Steven Eickhoff will be ordained to the priesthood at St. Raymond’s Cathedral in Joliet. June 6th, Steven Eickhoff will celebrate his first Mass at 9:00 a.m., at OLM.
- June 6th - Deacon Art will be in charge of the Corpus Christi process.

Youth – Stephanie Leroy and Monica Baier:

- Pro-Life issues are in youth’s curriculum. It’s done as a group. There seems to be a disconnect between Pro-Life Group and Teens. Stephanie asked if it were possible to meet with Pro-Life Group.
- National Council Youth Conference discussed abstainate. Stephanie said it’s a very relevant topic; sometimes it’s too late. A lot of youth don’t understand

abortions, etc. Tom Brady said it comes back to a parental issue. Very personal presentation. A discussion ensued with Stephanie, Tom, Luchie, and Jennifer taking the lead.

- Peer Ministry Team met yesterday. There were 15-20 attendees, which is an increase over last year. Future events follows:
 - Confirmation 1 and 2 over for the summer. Level 2 Discovery Retreat is in June or July. Planning meeting will take place.
 - Level 2 Confirmation Mass takes place November 7th with Bishop Sartain.
- Youth Ministry Committee meeting is May 20th. New curriculum program will be introduced. Goal is to make it relatable to the youth: 4-year High School program – Service and Social opportunities. “Team Worship Night” was tried last year. Teens were reluctant to get involved. Mission trip this year will be an opportunity to try and get kids more involved. Approximately 52-55 kids are scheduled to attend; largest group ever.
- Jennifer knows someone who works with Calvary Church. She will get in touch with him, and they will meet with Tom and Dave.
- 8th Grade Parents night is next week.
- Rummage Sale will take place June 5-6. Car wash same weekend.
- New fundraising – October Fest – parking cars.
- Monica and Loren – 2-hour shift/cook-out/ultimate frisby. Fun Day! Week before Mission Trip.

Other Items:

- Luchie was approached by a parishioner who said she felt unwelcomed. People at the 9:00 a.m. mass were not very friendly. No further information was provided. Without more specificity, no action could be taken.
- The sound system at Easter was not performing at optimum level. Next year there will be two masses at Easter.
- Luchie asked Parish Council to help with Charismatic Tickets. Donations collected will benefit the Church Building Fund.
- **Security Issue:** Marty stated a panhandler was in parking lots after 5:30 p.m. mass. Had signs asking for money.
- Jennifer stated the “Rock Star” child at church was her daughter.
- **Dinner-Dance – March 12, 2011, at White Eagles.** Madri Gras theme.
- **Parish Vision Meeting – October 23-24, 2010.**

Deacon Tim gave the **Closing Prayer**.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held June 14th.

Respectfully Submitted,

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