

## **Our Lady of the Lake Parish Council Minutes October 1<sup>str</sup>, 2019**

*These Minutes are subject to the approval of the Parish Council at their next session on November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019.*

**Members present:** Father Peter Auer, Oz Kinas, Dennis Green, Dan Priske, Cindy Mallowney, Bev Teachout, Amy Polcyn, Dave Nawrocki

**Absent:** Gary Krahn

**Staff:** Betty Rowley, Robin Wallenfang, Carolyn Zentner, Hal Pohlman

**Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Oz**

**Opening Prayer by Father Peter Auer**

**Minutes of the August Meeting:** motion to approve by Dan / second by Dennis, all approved.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**PASTORAL COUNCIL TERMS / ACCEPT NEW CONSTITUTION** Father reported that meetings will soon be held every 2 months (new Constitution), and no Summer meetings. Special meetings can be called as needed. The next meeting will be on November 5<sup>th</sup> with no December meeting. The new Constitution & By-Laws are posted on the our new website: [www.OLOL.center](http://www.OLOL.center). Motion to accept the new Constitution & By-Laws by Bev / second by Dave to approve; all approved.

As of tonight, the Pastoral Council will have 6 members: Oz Kinas, Cindy Mallowney, Gary Krahn, Dave Nawrocki, Dennis Green, and Bev Teachout. Those leaving the Council are: Amy Polcyn and Dan Priske. On June 30<sup>th</sup>, Cindy Mallowney and Oz Kinas will finish their terms. Two new members will begin their terms on July 1<sup>st</sup>. In March of 2020, there will be nominations for Council Members, followed by elections in April. We thank Dan and Amy for their contribution to the parish as members of the Pastoral Council. Thank you!

**NEW ROOF:** Our new metal roof has been installed by **1 n' Done**. Father has received the official approval from John Phillips CEO of the Finance Department of the Diocese of Madison. Father followed up with a brief report from Tom Gernetzke, who was recommended by John Phillips. Tom works for the **Building Envelope Professionals Group LLC**. He will help us with the attic ventilation and humidity control, if need be. He came for an inspection and sent us a report about his initial observations for insulation, air circulation, and potential future problems. His recommendations will follow in a report with suggestions, if necessary.

**GUTTERS & ROOF TRIM:** A discussion about gutters, and where they will might be needed, as well as down spouts. Present gutters and old downspouts will be removed. We will also look to see if the rectory's gutters are adequate. The trim around the church was discussed in regards to painting it to match the roof (already covered under a patrons' donations for paint & labor) or adding a fascia trim (vinyl) at an additional expense.

**FUTURE MAINTENANCE:** There are several maintenance issues that need to be addressed. Father will call a building committee and meet with them (Hal, Gary and Peter) to go through the property and assess the situation. There was water coming into the north-east side door of the Church due to the large amount of water in the beginning of October. The 6 inch gully on the north side (by the Sacristy) could not handle that much water and it backed up into the church glass door.

**EVANGELIZATION:** "That Man Is You" TMIY, offered at All Saints; a Men's group meeting at 5:30 am Wednesdays.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Father reported that there are water leaks in the basement that require professional repair, whether inside or outside the foundation walls of the rectory. Water from the heavy rains are flooding the basement of the

rectory again, through the walls and stairwell (cinder blocks were used, which are porous). No damage is showing to the new remodeling work which Gary had done this Summer.

Hal had a company here in Fall of 2018 and they inspected it and gave a couple of proposals. None were put into action. This company, **Sure-Dry Basement Systems**, will come at the end of October with a team - again, and give us new proposals, to be voted on at the November meeting.

### **FINANCE & BUDGET**

Betty reported on the Profit/Loss statements and Balance Sheets. There is an increase in profits, which is a nice break for us. Contributions have been increasing. Bulletin ads also increased (which covers the cost of paper and printing the bulletins). The only expenses we have for our Adult Education are the Timeline video package of about \$200.00 and the coffee and baked goods for the morning classes. Those taking the class have paid for their own books. Contributions for Our Lady of Good Success statue have covered the expense. Thank you to all donors!

No big annual expenses this month. The roof was paid for, in full, in September. The cost was about \$70,000.00. Dan added that Betty is doing a fine job, that the church is financially well, and that the cash flow is being managed right.

The diocese requires an annual fiscal year statement. Betty has prepared the data and Father has put it into a letter to the parishioners, which will be a bulletin insert this weekend.

**LITURGY ORGANIST:** Father reported that Mike has retired after 40 years of service to Our Lady of the Lake. We thank him for his service and wish him all the best. Sue Seelhorst will take over; Fr. also got in touch with All Saints School, and we might have the good fortune of their music teacher helping us out for the weekend Masses. Peter Sensenbrenner got in touch with the College in Ripon to see if any organ/piano students would want to earn a bit for pocket money.

**CCD:** Father reported that no extra teacher could be found to help with our religious education. For this reason, he decided that our confirmation students will go to All Saints Church in Berlin, one Sunday morning, once a month (with their parents/sponsors). Alice will continue with the rest of the students in the lower grades. The Confirmation children and parents are also invited to join Fr. Peter's adult ed classes on Wednesday evenings, which has a nice turnout.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Father would like input from us: in prayer find out where our parish would need to go - spirituality. Fellowship & evangelization are important for the faith community. The little spiel before holy Mass: the greeting of neighbors seems to be a distraction to some. Father said that this is only done during the Summer months, when visitors are here – to help them feel more at home; to come to know one another better. This will stop for the Winter months, beginning with the new Mass time schedule (Oct 5 of this year). Beginning October 5, there will be a Sat 5 pm and Sun 9 am Mass. Please give your thoughts to Father.

**Closing Prayer by Father Peter**

**Motion to adjourn: 7:40 pm**

**Next meeting: November 5th at 7:00 pm**