

Parish Council Minutes

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

October 27, 2024

Members Present: Father Oscar, Deacon Kevin, Tiffany Smith, Joe Pincus, Bob Ryalls, Greg Walthour, Sal Inga, Terry Frederick, Bob Ryalls, Kay Shaw, Jim Vadas

Additional Visitors Present: Glenn Shaw

Meeting Called to Order: Tiffany called the meeting to order.

Prayer: Tiffany led with the prayer, Come Holy Spirit.

1. Old Business & Status:

- a. **Columbarium** at cemetery: Table this for 6-8 months; cost estimate \$20-25,000.
- b. **Church website:** Jon Jackson said he would be willing to help with the website. BJ Bui is the Webmaster. Some things need updating. Continue to send info to BJ.
- c. **Church Facebook page:** Eric Ellingson is administrator and said there is no public input anymore. Multiple administrators have been added who can submit items (Bob Ryalls, Lorraine Ryalls, Tiffany Smith and Erin Hayden). Parishioners can post by “running” it by one of the administrators. For example, Tiffany posted the K of C Shrimp Dinner.
- d. **Organ repair:** Bob said we are trying to get the previous company that did repairs to come back. If not, we need to get someone else.
- e. **Sound system:** Bob said we are getting a new sound board.
- f. **Capital Campaign:** The campaign was originally a five-year campaign of which 1 ½ years remain. Currently Summary of where OLBS stands financially (as per Bob Ryalls, October 25, 2024):
 - \$ 103,131.48 in capital campaign
 - 45,917.82 CDs cashed in and deposited
 - **\$ 149,049.30 TOTAL** in Money Market Account and capital campaign
 - This balance will allow us to:
 - Payment of the balance of the original contract with Hardesty
 - Payment for the repairs to the Mercy Center Roof and gutter system
 - Payment for the repairs to the Preschool flooring system
 - Then we need to plan to repair the plaster walls, ceiling, etc. in the Mercy Center.
- g. **Prayer Gardens:** Jim said that since Mason Kopacki’s Eagle Scout project, the “Stations of the Cross” outdoor path, was nearing completion, we should be able to get to work on paths in the prayer gardens.

2. **New Business:**

- a. **Future work projects:** In the future, Finance Council and Parish Council will review projects and bids.
 1. This should be done with a joint meeting where a decision will be made with the advice of the Facilities Committee.
 2. The pastor is the ultimate decider.
 3. The combined meeting schedule will be set by the Parish Council chair and the Finance Council chair.
- b. **Pam Watkins situation:** Pam's release from the hospital, recovery, and rehab was discussed.
 1. Does the Diocese have someone to help us catch up records, collections, data entry?
 2. Several people are going to start moving Pam's things out of the old house into a new rental with Scottie.
 3. Thinking about setting Pam's office up on the first floor of the Mercy Center in the "parlor" room.
- c. **New church sign:**
 1. Jim brought up the need for a new church sign. He and Joe had talked about it a year ago and got a preliminary design and cost from Images in Art sign company. The old sign has been up for 10-15 years, has faded, and is difficult to see.
 2. Jim showed the design and it was suggested the background be blue instead of the current brown, similar to an example Bob had found.
 3. Jim also said \$1,000 had been donated by Eston toward the sign. Jim expected the Knights of Columbus to make up the difference (between \$500 and \$600) since they had budgeted funds to help church projects.
- d. **International Dinner:**
 1. Jim brought up the need to begin planning for an International Dinner, if we wish to continue that. A February date is possible if we can do before Lent. Suggestions were to scale it back as there was way too much food in the last one.

Next meeting date: Either the end of November or the first Sunday in December, 2024.

Closing Prayer: Father led the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Vadas, Secretary