

**OUR LADY OF SORROWS
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 28, 2020**

ZOOM MEETING ATTENDANCE:

Corinne Bardgett, Celeste Engel, Larry Gengler, Pattie Hall, Mark Heisohn, Mary Kabbaz, Denise Klevorn, Jackie Mattingly, Barb Paulus, Maureen Ragsdale, Patti Zerega, Mark Zimmerman, Father Sebastian, Ray Bockskopf (SCCA rep)

PRAYER: Corinne Bardgett

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 2020 MEETING MINUTES: Celeste Engel

The OLS Parish Council approved the February 2020 minutes at the meeting. There was no March meeting due to the pandemic.

SCCA REPORT: Ray Bockskopf

SCCA hasn't had a Board Meeting since January 2020. As of January, the enrollment was 185 students. The enrollment for next year was 116, as of January, so they need 69 more students to get to the 185. The Junior Kindergarten is full with 18 students. A visiting team was really surprised by how well SCCA is doing with only being open for 3 years and gave them a very favorable report. Ray has asked several times for a count of students from various parishes, but he has not yet received an answer. For some reason, they do not want to release this information. He will continue to ask for the numbers. Also, some safety projects will be in next year's budget. SCCA requested some grant money for the projects but were turned down because the projects were not deemed critical enough.

FINANCE COUNCIL: Denise Klevorn

During the months of March and April when we could not attend Mass, our collection was up compared to the same months last year. April 2020 brought in \$42,002 and April 2019 collections were \$39,710. Also, the April 2020 figure does not include special gifts, donations to the maintenance account, and other restricted accounts. All of our bills were paid, and there was money left in our cash account at the end of both months. OLS is blessed with generous parishioners!

NEW PC MEMBERS FOR 2020 – 2021: Corinne Bardgett

Six current members joined the Parish Council three years ago, but three of the six were needed to extend their term by one year in order for the PC to eventually get on track to where 3 members would retire and 3 new members would join the PC yearly, and each new member would serve a 4-year term. This will give the Parish Council more stability over a period of time. So, Corinne Bardgett, Celeste Engel, and Patti Zerega will remain on the Parish Council for an additional year, and Denise Klevorn, Barb Paulus, and John Ross will retire in June 2020. The three new members' names were originally planned to be drawn at the 10:00am Mass on May 31, 2020, Pentecost Sunday.

Pattie Hall, Denise Klevorn, and Mark Zimmerman volunteered to make calls to prospective members. Corinne has a list of people that were nominated last year that can be called to see if they would still be interested in serving, and people can also be nominated or nominate themselves. It was suggested that we contact some members of the Young Adult group and new parishioners. Corinne would need the responses back by May 27, 2020.

PC HAIL AND FAREWELL DINNER: Corinne Bardgett

The first Parish Council meeting with the three new members will be in August 2020. It was decided that the Hail and Farewell dinner that is usually held in June will be moved to July this year, due to the pandemic.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING: Mark Zimmerman

The All-Commissions meeting that was scheduled for April 23, 2020 was cancelled due to the Coronavirus. Mark is looking at possibly rescheduling for August or September, but no date has been chosen yet. It's difficult to know where we will be with the pandemic down the road.

PASTOR REPORT: Fr. Sebastian

Father Sebastian appreciates all the support he has been given at this time.

Father feels that the 10:00am Pentecost Sunday Mass may not be a good day for the election of the new Parish Council members, because several people will be Baptized, Confirmed, and receive First Holy Communion during that Mass. Everything is very fluid right now. Therefore, the PC election may be held during a different Mass.

If the Parish Council needs to schedule a date, Father suggested calling the office, because things are constantly changing.

OLS is communicating and reaching out to its parishioners and continuing to live-stream the Mass.

Father discussed the possibility of getting a new parish Picture Directory. Lifetouch has produced the directory in the past. Father uses the directory often and considers it important to be as up to date as possible. There was a bit of a discrepancy as to the year the last one was printed. The downside to this is that it requires a lot of work.

Father also discussed that the parish Phone Directory contains a lot of wrong information, despite the fact the parish has consistently asked for updates. Many phone numbers are incorrect. Father has been trying to work on this.

As we are quarantined, Father suggested that we think about updating/improving these two directories.

Reopening the church will require a lot of planning and will not be an easy task. The Archdiocese will give directions to the parishes on reopening the churches regarding the Mass celebration, Communion, etc. There will be a lot of guidelines to follow. The church will need to be disinfected between Masses.

Father might insist that OLS be given the number of SCCA students split out by parish.

Mother's Day is May 10, 2020. If the church is still under lockdown and closed, Father would like to have a drive-through blessing for all mothers from 12:00pm – 1:00pm. Nothing is decided yet. Father had the idea of giving a rose to each mother. Ray suggested carnations in lieu of roses and also thought the Youth Group might be interested in handing out the flowers.

Father has received a lot of Thank You notes for what the parish has been doing for the community, and he really appreciates all of the help and support.

There have been a few cases of COVID-19 in the parish, but no one with COVID-19 has come into the church or adoration chapel.

There are currently three funerals waiting to happen.

Brad Trower informed Father that the annual Parish Picnic scheduled for June 2, 2020 has been cancelled. A smaller scale picnic might be held on October 24, 2020.

The food pantry is doing fine right now.

The Easter celebration went well. It was a bit stressful for Father without a congregation present.

CLOSING PRAYER: Father Sebastian

ADJOURNMENT: 7:43pm

SUBMITTED BY: Celeste Engel