

**Our Lady of the Rosary Church  
Parish Council Monthly Meeting Minutes  
October 25, 2007**

In attendance: Mike Schweitzer, Anne Berry, Kathy Klich, Morrie Walsh, Mark Young, Jill Katterjohn, Cathy Heaton, Bob Crowley, Bryan Hoffman, Karen Williams.

Mike Schweitzer called the meeting to order and opened the meeting with a Scripture reading and short reflection period on the reading.

**Reports**

The reports submitted by DRE/Youth Ministry Faith Formation, Evangelization and Finance/Business were available to Parish Council prior to the meeting so that any questions or comments could be prepared before the beginning of the meeting.

**Evangelization**

A summary of the Adult RCIA and Children's Catechumenate was presented. Fr. Tim Schehr will have 3 presentations during Lent following scheduled Fish Fries. Fr. Tom Allender will return to OLR and present a Parish Mission in April.

**Finance/Business**

Anniversary Celebration

- The Anniversary committee agreed with Parish Council's concern that the parish may be viewing the Anniversary Celebration as just the opening of the time capsules. The committee is concentrating on how to engage the entire parish and was gathering ideas to be discussed at their Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting.
- After the first of the year a list of possible Anniversary activities will be made available and parishioners asked to volunteer. Decisions on activities will be made based on the signups.

School and Building Maintenance

- The south side of the roof of the school building has leaked. The membrane covering the roof suffered damage due to the hot, dry summer. Ray St. Clair Roofing will be making repairs to the PAC, church, school, and rectory. Bob Crowley is checking on a possible warranty on the membrane of the school building. There is also a small leak in the roof of the church sacristy at this time.
- Motion detectors were installed in the stairwells and hallways of the school building. Security for the church and rectory is being investigated. Cincinnati Alarm, the security company currently used by the parish, will be asked to prepare a proposal for the work.

Cafeteria

- The Finance Commission had additional questions with regard to a possible remodel of the school cafeteria. These questions dealt mainly with how to best use the parish's finances. They questioned what we could do with a remodeled facility that we could not do now.
- The report previously prepared about the feasibility of using the school building for other activities will be distributed to Parish Council by Bob Crowley.

- A suggestion was made that rather than remodel the entire cafeteria we could possibly replace the tables and chairs in the cafeteria and complete the needed repairs to the building. The campus at St. Matthias was suggested as an alternative location for various functions of our parish.
- Further discussion of the remodel will be discussed next month.

#### Consolidated School

- Several families have been unable to pay tuition. A proposal was made to add Tuition Assistance to the previously approved list of charities that Parish Council has compiled. Groups that sponsor parish activities could then choose to donate any extra funds generated to any of these approved charities. The 6 charities now approved by Council are Catholic Charities, Birthright, Teen Esteem, St. Vincent de Paul, Matt Dolan Service Fund, and Tuition Assistance.

#### **Other Topics Discussed**

- New governance was approved for the consolidated school. Jim Kircher was selected to take Fr. Charlie's place on the school board and represents Our Lady of the Rosary Parish. Mr. Kircher will be asked to report to Parish Council at the regular Parish Council meetings.
- A new name for the consolidated school will be forthcoming. A decision should be made on November 1.
- Walt Hucke contacted the Archdiocese about OLR possibly twinning with a church in Tennessee. They suggested taking a one-year period to establish a relationship with this church. They do not encourage just sending financial aid. Due to Fr. Charlie's declining health and the potential for a new pastor next year this matter was tabled until a later date.
- Fr. Charlie's funeral arrangements are being planned. There was an initial planning meeting Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>. Marie Cardwell is in charge of the reception, which will directly follow the Mass of Burial. The Martha Mary group is helping to coordinate the food preparation. Matt Shooner is preparing the Mass program. Several locations have been considered for the reception (Malloy's, Forest Park Senior Center, Kolping Center). The meeting area at St. Matthias Church is being considered the best choice at this time, since it is handicap accessible and St. Matthias is part of our cluster group. Bob Crowley will be contacting them about this and the possibility that St. Matthias parishioners could set up the reception so that OLR parishioners could attend the Mass. Contact cards will be available in the pews the weekend of Nov 3-4 to allow parishioners to indicate if and how they would like to be contacted at the time of Fr. Charlie's death. Grief information will be available in the near future for the parish and the religious education teachers.
- Parish Council now has Voice Mail and e-mail available. The Voice Mail box is 368 and the e-mail address is [parishcouncil@olr.net](mailto:parishcouncil@olr.net). Mike Schweitzer will monitor the Voice Mail and Mark Young will monitor the e-mails.
- The Parish Council constitution will be discussed at the next meeting.
- Reports are due to Mike Schweitzer the Friday before the next Parish Council meeting (Nov. 23)

Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm

Next meeting November 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm