

OLA Parish Council Meeting

November 17, 2008

Attendees: Father Cregan, Kathy Harrington, Sue Eyerman, Diane Chambers, Stan Marvin, Joe Wallison, Jim Stark, Susan Peters, Jenny Snyder-Rump, Richard Salem, Eric Mack

Absent: Judy Ruane, Elena Schilla

Sue led the opening prayer.

The meeting minutes from October were accepted.

Clustering

Kathy summarized the proposal sent in from the Clustering Committee. Parishioners had the opportunity to express their thoughts. Overall our parishioners were supportive, but some other parishes did not receive such a positive response.

Diocesan Parish Council Conference

Jenny attended on our behalf. The overall theme was evangelization and that evangelization is an attitude. We should consider what it is about our parish that makes others want to join. Sr. Margaret from the Office of Evangelization was in attendance and can offer help with plans and general guidance.

Evangelization

It was proposed that St. Pat's and OLA work together on Evangelization. Richard volunteered to call St. Pat's to set up the first meeting. Jenny, Sue and Susan are also interested in participating on this committee.

Issues

Susan explained her plans to distribute miraculous medals in honor of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Many OLAPPC members offered their assistance.

Father explained that a parishioner left money in their estate for the parish. After some discussion regarding sharing the name of the parishioner, it was decided that Father would discuss the matter with the attorney representing the estate.

St. Mel's announced that they would be closing their school after this school year. We have received a number of inquiries at our school for the 09/10 school year. Discussions will be taking place regarding classroom sizes and finances.

Father expressed how much he enjoyed the Mass the students held in honor of Veteran's Day. Students who had family members who are veterans were able to sit with them at Mass. Landscape rocks with insignia's from the various armed forces were designed for placement around the Shrine near the valley.

Our next meeting was planned for 1/8/09. Richard agreed to provide the opening prayer.