

OLA Parish Council Meeting

February 12, 2009

Attendees: Father Cregan, Kathy Harrington, Joe Wallison, Diane Chambers, Stan Marvin, Jenny Snyder-Rump, Judy Ruane

Absent: Sue Eyerman, Susan Peters, Jim Stark, Eric Mack, Richard Salem

Kathy led the opening prayer.

The meeting minutes from November were accepted.

Kathy announced that Elena has moved out of the parish and is no longer on the OLA PPC.

Lenten Program

Father explained that in the past we have invited speakers to OLA each week during Lent for a variety of presentations. He further explained that the speakers are difficult to secure and can be expensive. He came up with the idea of selecting movies to show instead this year. There is a huge cost savings and a wide selection available. He added that children do not get enough exposure to the lives of Saints and that this is an opportunity for them to hear their stories.

The movies that were selected are: *The Life of St. Paul; Mother Teresa of Calcutta; The Miracles of Lourdes; A Time for Miracles; and Faith of Our Fathers.* Kathy will create a study guide to be distributed following each movie.

Parish Pictorial Directory

Jenny met with a representative from the company that approached us regarding a parish directory. Pictures are taken for two weeks, with the scheduling of appoints beginning four weeks prior. We will need to staff a sign-up table for two weekends and to assist with setting up for the photo shoots. The cover and two activity pages are included and an additional activity page is provided for every 25 families that register.

Various options we may want to include in our directory are a letter from the Pastor, the history of the parish, a list of registered parishioners and/or a list of parish organizations.

Council Membership

According to our OLA PPC guidelines, we should have already begun the process of recruiting new members to the council. Many of us have been part of the council for a long period. Father Cregan and Kathy would like to ask everyone to remain on council. With the anticipation of the announcement of parish clustering they feel it would be beneficial to have a solid parish council in place. If you cannot continue on the council past April, you are asked to call Father or Kathy to discuss further.

Issues

We will be putting photos from the festival up on the bulletin board in the back of church shortly.

Announcements

Diocesan Pastoral Council is looking for new members.

DelGrosso Foods sent a letter offering free spaghetti sauce to the parish for fundraising. Kathy will contact the company to see if it is an option for the festival or other parish organizations such as the Fine Arts Council.

The annual Lenten Penance service will be held at St. Mark's this year on March 23rd. Father is looking for volunteers to help drive parishioners.

Our next meeting will be on Monday, March 16th at 7:30 PM.